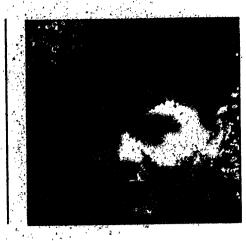


## Going out in STYLE

Celestine Labat, 104-yearold Bay woman, makes a grand exit.

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The Krewe of Kids Mardi Gras parade rolls through Bay St. Louis.

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#### **DBPA** meeting and **After Hours are today**

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#### **Welcome to Carnival**

The RSVP program will offer tourists at the Hancock County Welcome Center some Mardi Gras fun on Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The center is located at I-10 and Hwy. 607 in Pearlington.

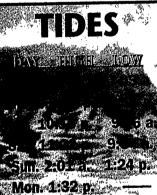
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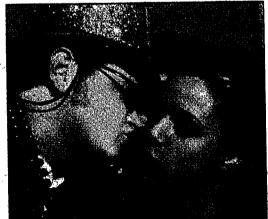


Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

The Captain of the Krewe of Nereids offers a toast to the parade viewing stand Sunday during the Nereids' Mardi Gras parade through Waveland.



The Elton John float and the dancing Eltons roll by during the parade.



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher A member of the Ole Biloxi Marching Club steals a kiss Sunday during the Krewe of Nereids parade.

#### Nereids have gone, but there are plenty more parades to follow

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER Staff Writer

ith approxi-

mately four days and 16 (depending on when you got up this morning) left in the countdown to Mardi Gras Day the fun on the Coast is in full swing over the next several days. Grab a bag to

and head out to one of the many parades in the area. • Beginning the fun heading into Mardi Gras Weekend will be parades presented by several area .

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Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter Queen Doris XXXVII's royal pages wave to the crowd.

schools. On Fri., Feb. 28 Bay Waveland Head Start will parade at 9:30 a.m. in Bay St. Louis from the school grounds on Necaise Ave. At 1 p.m. Bay Catholic will parade from the school grounds on

Second St. in Bay St. Louis, and also at 1 p.m. St Paul's Elementary in Pass Christian will hold their annual parade in Pass Christian.

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## W'land man shot during apparent crack deal

#### Crowd denies hearing shots during murder

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS Publisher Emeritus Waveland-police are still investigating a Sunday night shooting which left one person dead and another injured in an apparent incident, drug-related

Jimmy Varnell. Varnell said, "Following a shooting, Larry D. Garcia, II. 29. of Gautier, MS., was found dead and Dallas J. Fowler, 22 of Bay St. Louis injured. Fowler told police the driver of the truck was trying to purchase crack

according to Police Chief

and the truck's driver too." The saga began, Varnell

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cocaine when he was shot

#### **Traffic stops** reveal drug violations

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS Publisher Emeritus Three arrests are reported by Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber in with drug violations, following recent traffic violation stops.

Last week, while on routine patrol Deputy Gilkerson Danny stopped a driver for excessive speed on the Klin/DeLisle Road.

"The driver Michelle Moise, 33, Pontiac Drive, stopped Gilkerson around 2:30

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## Four killed, father jailed in post-parade crash

ECHO STAFF REPORT Picayune, was charged with

two infants, were killed and Gazzo said. He was being six others were hurt just held in the county jail north of Hancock County Monday after being treated Saturday when their vehicle for injuries he sustained in ran off the road as the group the crash. was returning from a parade in New Orleans, according to month-old Lance Lapine of Highway Patrol Sgt. Joe Picayune; 4-month-old

Gazzo said. Charles Lapine, 42, of

Four people, including driving under the influence,

Killed in the crash were 7-Kenneth Verret Jr. of Slidell,

**CRASH--PAGE 7A** 

## Port Bienville up for \$2M in upgrades

BY BENNIE **SHALLBETTER Staff Writer** 

Two new improvement projects will be underway at Port Bienville over the next couple of months, a \$517,766 improvement to cargo transfer facilities and a 1.4 million rail project.

The intermodal cargo transfer facility improve-

ments project will provide a new and improved transfer area for trucks and container storage while they are being loaded or unloaded to or from the ports rail or shipping facilities. The new facility will provide security for vehicles that are now parked

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## Going Out in Style



"I came into this world in style and I'm going out that way," Celestine Labat said before her death at age 104. Friends and family gathered at St. Rose Catholic Church to say goodbye to "Miss as she was affectionately known to many in the community. A few spoke of her, but many more had stories of their own of the lady everyone loved. Those in attendance walked behind a carriage pulled by white horses to her final resting at Cedar Rest Cementary on Second St. in



## **Hancock County Supervisors** look at new style drug court

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER **Staff Writer** 

Area judges asked the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to join Harrison County in supporting a new style drug court.

Circuit Court Judges Stephen Simpson and Robert Walker asked the board to OK a contribution of \$10,000 this year for the program, with a guarantee of \$15,000 from the county next year. Harrison County pledged \$58,000 for the program this year.

Assistant District Attorney Chris Schmidt and Sheriff Steve Garber also appeared to voice their support for the program.

The program will feature close supervision of first time drug offenders. Offenders charged with drug sales, trafficking or manufacture will not be eligible for the program, said Walker. The program would work with the premise that people just being introduced to the world of drugs and addiction could get a chance to change their lives.

It would work hand in hand with law enforcement in choosing those eligible to participate, Simpson said. Only offenders age 17 or older would be eligible to participate

Participants would be employment and pay for a part of their treatment, about \$50 a month. They would also be required to meet with either Walker or Simpson on a weekly face to face basis. The two will handle the case load for the program and help participants with keeping jobs, staying in school, paying fines and other problems.

Participants would also the age of seventeen. be drug tested twice a week, compared to a once monthly testing that offenders now receive. If a participant fails a drug test, they could face a week or several weekends of jail time.

Supporters feel under the current program for offenders that too much unsupervised time can lead to a relapse into continued drug use or addiction. Some offenders can wait for a year to even got to trial, said Garber. In the mean time many of these people fall back into old habits and are arrested again before they ever come to trial. Once a person is arrested again it is likely that they will await a trial date in jail, costing tax payers even more money.

Participants in the program waive their right to the Grand Jury and go directly into treatment. The judges expect about 40 participants this year in the program and about 80 participants in coming years. The program is active in many areas across the country, Walker said.

Judge Jerry O. Terry also supports the idea of the program, but the remaining Circuit Court Judge Kosta Vlahos said he could not lend his support to the new program. Vlahos said that while he respected the opinrequired to maintain ions of the others, he thought that it was a rehash of what was already being offered to drug offenders. He said that for treatment to be successful, a person has to want to change, not be forced into change. Vlahos also said that the program will not reach those he considered the most likely candidates for rehabilitation, those under

Supporters also met with Stone County officials to ask for funding for the program. Officials in both counties said they would look over their budgets to decide if they could fund the effort.

In other business:

• Explosions heard in the North part of the county are nothing to be alarmed about, say county officials. A company operating in the area fro about 30 years, DEMEX, is testing a new type of trash can, for bombs. The can would be placed in places such as airports to be used to defuse a bomb in the event of a terrorist attack. Though the noise is annoying for some nearby residents, the testing is likely to occur regularly every few weeks, officials at the company said, but the tests would be done on clear days (when sound would not be amplified by cloud cover) and only during business hours. DEMEX holds a federal permit for explosives testing.

• Supervisors issued an official condemnation for two area schools, St. Stanislaus and coach Andy Kiva for winning the Class 4A State Championship and Our Lady Academy and coach Danny Owens for being the first state school to win four straight soccer championships.

 Supervisors approved the resignation of Lisa Cowand from the Solid Waste Board and the reappointment of Steve Seymour to that board.

• Supervisors will look into a program that will provide seniors with used cell phones to be used for

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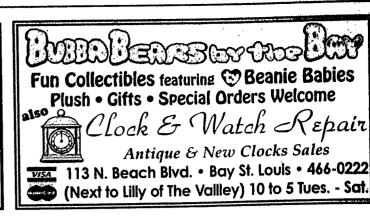
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USN Oceanographic Office, at Stennis Space Center, will be the guest speaker for the evening awards banquet. Member awards, as well as youth winners of MSSSAR Knight Essay and Eagle Scout contests will be rec-

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BY BENNIE **SHALLBETTER Staff Writer** 

An emergency meeting was held at the Southern Regional Wastewater Management plant late last week to discuss several impending deadlines.

Board members also discussed a recent report from Metcalf and Eddy, an internationally respected engineering firm who writes many of the industry standards, which concluded that the Waveland plant has a much higher capacity for treatment than was previously thought.

The district is facing a March 5 deadline with funding agencies regarding a commitment to treatment for the Pearlington area.

A March 15 deadline, with the Department of Environmental Quality, would require the district to submit a copy of a resolution identifying the selected alternative for treatment, a waste load allocation request including the design flow, and map showing discharge points for the

chosen alternative.

The district had committed to treatment for Pearlington, but had not decided on a method for treatment, mainly due to a capacity issue at the Waveland plant.

Several weeks ago the board decided to go with a recommendation from the San Francisco based engineering firm URS, and build two new plants, one in the Pearlington area and one in the Kiln area. URS had reported that the Waveland plant only had a capacity for treating about 3.2 million gallons of wastewater per day, just slightly more than what the plant is

now treating.

Last week, district engineer Duke Levy submitted a report from Metcalf and Eddy which reported that the plant had a capacity of MGD. around 4.9Apparently Levy also sent the report, which he personally funded, to the DEQ and RUS, one of the funding agencies, without the knowledge of the board, raising concerns at those

intentions.

Board member District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman said he was ready to go forward with the recommendations from URS, to bring closure to the issue. But board member Mayor Eddie Farve said he had some unresolved questions regarding the large discrepancy in capacity in the two

reports. "I don't want to see us slow down or stop what we have started ... my interest is specifically in regard to the capacity issue." Farve said. "If it were any other firm but Metcalf and Eddy, but URS came up with 3.2 MGD and Metcalf and Eddy came up with 5 MGD... the difference is significant."

Farve said that he would go ahead with URS recommendations if they were able to stand by them.

Acting director of the EPA's Gulf of Mexico Program Bryon Griffith, who has long been an advisor on the project, said that although Metcalf and Eddy

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agencies about the districts is a very reputable firm, he felt that the report was not as through as the one performed by URS. He said URS would stand by their report and their recommendations and that the district had to make some quick decisions due to the deadlines. The time is up on funding, Griffith said.

Griffith said that because the report was sent along to other agencies he felt that a formal response would be needed from URS. The response would be paid for by the Gulf of Mexico Program, he said.

At the recommendation of Griffith board members approved a resolution to be sent to the DEQ stating that the Metcalf and Eddy report was sent without their knowledge and was not the official stance of the board. The letter will also advise the DEQ that the district has not changed their opinion on the matter and that a formal response to the report will be forthcoming from URS.

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#### Former Bay police, fire chief dies in wreck

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER **Staff Writer** 

William P. Carbonette, who served several years in the early 1970's as both a police chief and fire chief in Bay St. Louis moving to before Hattiesburg in the mid 1976, died on Monday in Hattiesburg in a car acci-

dent. Carbonette, 64, was driving near the intersection of hwy. 589 and Hwy. 98 when he suffered a massive heart attack.

After moving to Hattiesburg, Carbonette worked for the University of Southern Mississippi in security. Hè had worked at the university for 24 years.

He was the brother of Liz Farve of Bay St. Louis. His two daughters, Sharon Gatreau and Cathy Johnson live in Lafayette and Gonzales, Louisiana. Another sister, Bobbette Joyner lives in Florida.

See obit on page 8A for more information.

Parades

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• On Sat., March 1, the fun will begin at Noon with the Krewe of Diamondhead Parade at the

Diamondhead Community Center to the front gate, and East on County Rd. at the new country club. For more information call 228-255-7297.

• At 1 p.m. the Jackson Carnival County Association will parade down Market St., Jackson Ave. and Pascagoula St. in downtown Pascagoula. For more information call 228-497-3269.

• At 2 p.m. the Krewe of Gemini will parade down 19th St. and 25th Ave. in Gulfport. For more information call 228-452-7639 or 864-0337.

• On Sunday March 2 at 1 p.m. the St. Paul's Carnival Association will hold their annual parade at Davis and Handy St. in Pass Christian. For more information call 228-452-7359.

• On Monday March 3 the Gulf Coast Carnival Association will hold its will present its court at the annual ball which will be held at the Mississippi Coliseum and Convention Center from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information call 228-432-

On Mardi Gras Day several parades will be held

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across the coast. • The day will begin with

the Gulf Coast Carnival Association parade at 11 a.m. on Hwy. 90, MLK Blvd. and Main St. in Biloxi. The association will also hold a night parade, with a theme "The World of Adventure" at 5:30 p.m. at Main St., Lameuse St., MLK Jr. Blvd., Reynoir St., Hwy. 90, Porter Ave., and Howard Ave. in Biloxi. For more information call 228-432-

• The Krewe of Real People will hold their annual parade in Bay St. Louis at Main St. Railroad St., and Old Spanish Trail. For more information call 228-466-3324. • At 3 p.m. the Krewe of

Neptune will continue the fun at Main St., Hwy. 90, Lameuse St., Washington Loop, Reynoir St. Porter Ave. and Howard Ave. in Biloxi. For more information call 228-436-4381.

The day will come to a close with the Krewe of Gemini Night Parade to begin at 6 p.m. with a theme of "Mystical Magic" at Main St., Lameuse St., MLK Blvd., Reynoir St., hwy. 90, Porter Ave. and Howard Ave. in Biloxi. For more information call 228-432-8806.

Enjoy the parades and have a safe and happy Mardi Gras.

Nereids **Parade** 

The winners of the Nereids parade, which rolled through Waveland Sunday, Feb. 23, are list-

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas **Publisher Emeritus** 

eather could not have been for better Sunday's annual Krewe of Nereids parade.

I do not know if it was a record crowd to view Nereids, Eros and the Hancock County Krewe of Hancock, but it had to be close if not a record.

I just could not believe the amount of litter left behind by the parade as I drove the highway on early Monday morning.

Lots of folks from Waveland, Bay St. Louis and trustees from the jail along with sheriff's officers were busy all day long on Monday trying to clean up the mess.

I did see where a few, and that was a very few folks bagged their trash, but that appeared to be about 1 percent of the participants.

Hopefully, next year more folks will try and help by at least making it easier for the workers to collect the litter following the annual gala.

in its final few days with Avenue to Second to St. lots of parades still to come. Paul Avenue to disband. . Tomorrow morning, a couple schools in Bay St. Louis will be parading in been entered by families their respective areas.

Bay-Waveland Start will parade at 9:30 a.m., from the school grounds on Necaise Avenue to Main Street. This is always a good parade as the participants are very young and have a great time.

At 1 p.m. Friday, Bay Catholic Elementary is set to roll down Beach Boulevard from Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church to Court Street, Court to S. Second Street. Second to Old Bay City Hall's reviewing stand and disband. There should be 400 students involved in the Bay Catholic parade.

The Bay Catholic youngsters really toss the beads

in their parade. Also at 1 p.m. St. Paul's' Elementary in Pass Christian will have their annual parade.

The big parade in Saturday is the annual Diamondhead Land parade which starts at noon.

There is lots of good parade viewing areas along the route of the Diamondhead parade because of the large boulevard and neutral grounds.

The parade begins at the Diamondhead Community Center, proceeds to the front gate, and East on the County Road to the new Country Diamondhead Club.

The largest parade of individuals groups along the coast is set to take place beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday in Pass Christian.

This is the St. Paul's Carnival Association's parade which begins at Davis and Handy Street, down the Scenic Drive to Highway 90, then 90 to Mardi Gras 2003 is now Henderson to Church

> Many of the floats in the St. Paul's parade have and groups for years and years. There should be over 100 floats in this parade.

> Fat Tuesday wraps up Mardi Gras parading in Hancock County with the annual Krewe of Real People parade which begins at 1 p.m.

> Real People parade forms on Bookter Street, to Necaise,  ${f Bookter}$ Avenue, Necaise to Main St., Main to Beach Boulevard, Beach to Union St., Union to Railroad to Third, Third to Sycamore St., Sycamore to Old Spanish Trail, OST to Bookter to disband.

So, get your walking shoes out and enjoy the parades.

## Mike Moore taking a breather from politics leaves void in pubic service

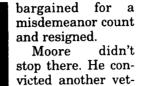
Moore became Jackson County's district attorney in 1980 at age 27 he soon began to doggedly pursue ousting a powerful county supervisor and his supervisor cohorts he suspected of being corrupt.

The eager wavy-haired young DA's imme-

diate target was Eddie as had Moore. Khayat, who had for years been statewide spokesman for the politically-potent county supers and was revered locally for spearheading economic develop-

His first attempt to bring down Khayat ended in an acquittal of the supervisor. But Moore tried Khayat again on a different charge and this time the jury deadlocked though nine jurors voted to convict.

Seeing that the young DA wouldn't give up, Khayat



had ever shaken

County supervisor and got plea bargain resignations from two others. Mississippi No other DA anywhere in the state

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By Bill Minor up the entrenched courthouse crowd

> Seven years later, still peppery and enthusiastic. the feisty Pascagoulan arrived in Jackson to declare himself a candidate for the state's highest law enforcement office. Attornev General. He didn't even know whether or not the incumbent in that post, Edwin Pittman would run.

As political history records, Pittman did choose not run for AG and Moore went on to not only win the Democratic nomination, but later to trounce better-

Herring, the heavy favorite to win, in the general elec-

So Mike Moore, who by 1988 had reached the "ripe" age of 35, began a career as Jackson Mississippi's AG, a career that saw a tilting of windmills and smashing of shibboleths as this state had never before experienced.

I recall asking the straight-ahead Moore when he took office if the rumor was true that he would prosecute his own grandmother. Under those circumstances, he laughed, "I would ask for a special prosecutor."

Moore when announced last week he is going to hang it up as Attorney General after four terms in the office and take a breather from politics (for at least three years), it left an enormous void in the arena of public service that no one on the political horizon seems likely to fill.

Some, among them several pundits, have for years badly misread Moore and

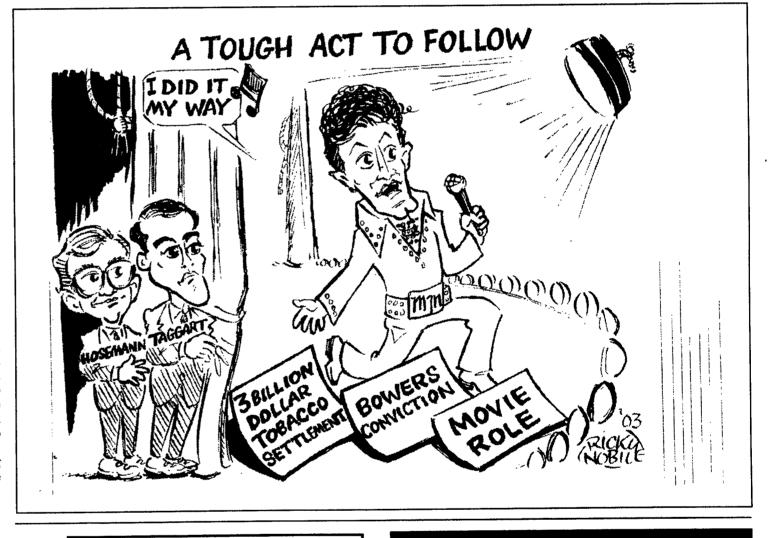
known Republican Jim what he is about, characterizing his crusades as just headline-grabbing, madefor-TV political stunts.

The truth is Moore undertook his job with sincere dedication and an almost messianic zeal to use reform as a tool to make government work better for the benefit of Mississippians and the righting of wrongs done by the political system in the past.

No more dramatic case of righting old wrongs was his 1997 reopening of a notorious 1966 civil rights crime, the fire-bombing death of a respected black leader, Hattiesburg country grocer and businessman, Vernon Dahmer.

Thirty years after onetime Klan Wizard Sam Bowers went unpunished for sending Klan night-riders to torch the Dahmer farm house as the family slept, the Moore-driven reprosecution of Bowers brought a murder conviction.

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#### FROM THE **MISSISSIPPI SENATE**

By State Senator Scottie Cuevas

## Senate continues work on insurance pool

halfway point of the 2003 legislative session. The week saw us handle some matters of routine and some others of paramount impor-We are facing a deadline

in early March to handle bills that came to us from House Representatives, so we were in committee all week, with week is a deadline for appropriations bills that originated in our chamber.

One very important matter to the health of tinued work on an insur-

This week we hit the passed a Senate bill earlier this year and the House also approved a bill with some changes, so we sent the bill to conference to try and work out the differences.

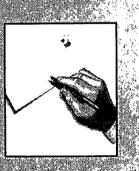
There is strong support for the bill in both chambers, so I'm hopeful we will be able to keep this bill on the fast track and get it into final form and on to the governor soon. The measure is very little floor action. Next drawn in a way so as to make insurance available for doctors and hospitals that cannot presently get private insurance.

We are told that Mississippians was our con-statewide, some 535 doctors and 46 hospitals are facing ance pool for our doctors the loss of their insurance and hospitals. Of course, we because a major, Virginia-

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based insurance company, has failed and there are very few companies willing to write insurance in Mississippi presently.

One bright note came in floor debate when the chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee told us that with recent civil justice reforms we made in the special session, it looks like four or five companies may be looking at returning to our state to write insurance.

The insurance pool we are trying to set up will not be permanent, but is aimed at helping doctors and hospitals right now.

Wednesday we handled about 65 bills and resolutions, mostly dealing with

appropriations. Most were routine but one, Senate Bill 2904, appropriated \$40 million to the Governor's Division of Medicaid to make up a deficit in their budget for this fiscal year.

Actually, this is much better than has been forecast. Last year we were expecting a deficit of about \$75 million, but cost-cutting measures, some recom-mended by the Legislature, have cut that deficit.

The other appropriations bills will have similar measures in the House, and we will probably go to conference on them in the coming weeks as we continue to shape next year's budget.

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## Dancing at Disney



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

Pictured above are students and coaches from The Dance Company of Diamondhead and Waveland. The Dance Company has been selected to perform at Walt Disney World on March 5. Under the direction of Kim Smith, the group of 52 dancers from Hancock County will produce a 30minute show at the Magic Kingdom through Disney's "Magic Music Days." On March 4, 35 of the dancers will take a master class with the Disney Performers.

**Dancers from The Dance** Company who are participating in the event include Tammy Mandle Nunez. Sheaffer, Joelle Klefer, Tiffany Ashlev Smith, Palmer. Erica Cuevas. Victoria Turner, Nicole Ross, Laurel Bruce, Sarah Ladner, Jamle Jelinski. Jennifer Hightower, Brittney Eakins, Neisha Bennett, Chae Levy, Alysia Bobbitt, Amira El-Hamaki, Sahra El-Hamaki, Kitty Holland, Kelly McKeough, Jessica Trudo, Morton, Laura Kallev Brown, Brlanna Wilson. Parsons, Sarah Wittorf, Dastugue, Shelby Curet. Jillian Keisev Anderson, Kristen Abraham, Boyer, Erica Carrubba, Kayla Besson. Brittney Bostick. Ashlev Webb, Mallory Bryan, Devon Bebler, Kelsey Ming, Cheisea Levy, Katie Hector, Lydia Poulton, Casey Sullivan, Reed, Stephenson, Heather Leake, Missa Brandi Wilson, Wilson, Katie Jessica Jelinski, Shelley Madeline Husband, Amanda Vosbein. Giampaola and Madeleine Mitchell.

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#### Public Service Commissioner Sidney Barnett, in the early 1990s. Montgomery was brought

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**Minor -- Mike Moore** 

down under an ethics charge of using his office for personal gain, and Barnett for taking a campaign contribution from a utility he would regulate.

Though he, himself, was a

Democrat, his party label did-

n't prevent him from removing

from office two elected

Democratic officials--State

Madison County's political

powerhouse, and newly-elect-

 $\operatorname{Bob}$ 

Moore angered state legislators early in his first term by asking the state Supreme Court to revive the 1916 constitutional "people power" of initiative and referendum to write laws and to amend the constitution which had been suspended by the court in an

ambiguous 1922 ruling. He didn't get the state's high court to retract the 60year-old mistake. But Moore's move pushed the Legislature to talk about enacting I&R for the first time in many years and in the 1990s resulted in giving people power to put constitutional changes on the bal-

lot by petition. Few also really understood in 1999 when Moore, though far ahead of then-Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove in gubernatorial polls, because of concern for his family decided against seeking the Democratic nomi-

nation for a race for governor. When he said he came to

the decision after agonizing over how a tough campaign would have affected his wife, Tish, and his son, Kyle, he sincerely meant it.

Again, his family was no doubt at the heart of his decision to give up the job he loves, and finally have a chance to make some real money, after literally working for peanuts while putting many millions of dollars in the state coffers from litigation he instituted.

The biggie, of course, was the \$4 billion settlement that came from a Moore-filed lawsuit against the tobacco industry for damaging the health of Mississippians. Payments from it has virtually bailed out the foundering state budget more than 50,000. the past two years.

A team of private attorneys commissioned by Moore to pursue the lawsuit, using their own funds at a time when there was little hope of success, did garner some fat fees when the settlement surprisingly was won. However, what some Mississippians think, none of that money went into Moore's

own pocket. While the numbers in the 1994 lawsuit against Big Tobacco were dazzling, not to be forgotten is that Moore several years before brought in \$15 million from the asbestos industry for the state's public schools to remove asbestos installed in the 1950s and

The tough side of Mike

Moore was seen in his swashbuckling pursuit of redressing damage done by tobacco and asbestos to Mississippi citizens and making government more honest. However, for the past few years the boyish-looking AG has dedicated his career to a softer side: The well-being of

Mississippi's children. Until Moore landed the money from Big Tobacco, the state was unable to implement CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), and provide health coverage for the many thousands of children who were protected by no health insurance. After two years, the number enrolled in CHIP has risen from 3000 to

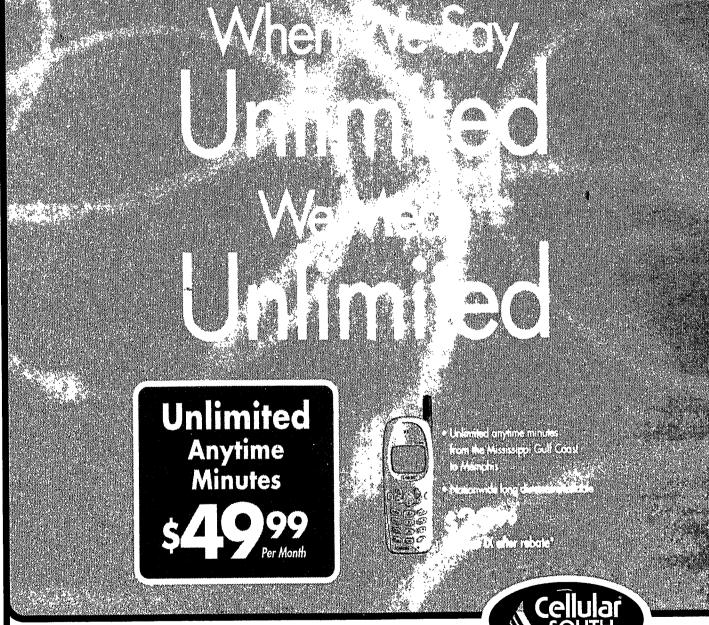
use by young people has made it possible to put public health nurses in most school districts, and with Moore's Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi drug and alcohol use among teenagers has been dramatically reduced.

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"Whatever private law practice I get into after I leave the AG's office, one thing is certain I'm still going to devote myself to working with children," Moore told

And children couldn't have a better champion.

CORRECTION: I was in error to imply in a recent column on gaming taxes that a





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#### Cuevas

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In these tough, economic times, keeping our state's agencies and services running smoothly and still keeping a balanced budget is a difficult chore but one we must do.

Also this week, a bill we approved earlier was signed into law that will allow the average citizen more access to government records and procedures. The bill mandates the regular publication of the rules and regulations state agencies go by and gives citizens the right to offer opinions on proposed rules and regulations.

Let me know what you think about these or any other matters of interest to you by calling me in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to me at P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, Ms. 39215.

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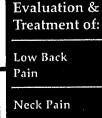
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## **PRCC** Chapel fund needs help from churches

River Community College has designated Sunday, March 2, 2003, as Chapel Sunday as the college closes in on its fund-raising goal of \$700,000 to build a chapel on its main campus.

PRCC is asking churches throughout its six-county district to participate in the form of a Love Offering on that day with the proceeds to go toward the chapel fund.

Thanks to a \$400,000 donation last summer by Hattiesburg businessman and PRCC alumnus Sidney Malone, the campaign has already raised more than \$620,000.

The theme of the campaign is "Can You Hear the Ringing." Chimes Campaign chairman is James Ginn, executive vicepresident of Hancock Bank and a PRCC alumnus. The architect for the project is McCleskey Don

Hattiesburg. "We are \$80,000 from our goal," said Donna Wilson Lee, executive director of the PRCC Development Foundation. "We are optimistic that the churches will push us over that mark on March 2. This has been the most exciting and inspirational project that we have ever been a part of and

POPLARVILLE - Pearl what better way to complete it but to have our district churches take the leadership role in putting us over the top."

"If any church is interested in having someone from PRCC to present a program on the chapel project which includes a video, please contact our office."

PRCC President William Lewis said that the chapel will be a special addition to the campus as the college seeks the total development of its students.

"Last year we entered into a Master Plan for our campus and one of the missing elements was a focal point for spiritual activities on our campus," Lewis said. "We are very committed to building a chapel."

We believe that our mission is to not only provide quality educational opportunities but to also create an environment that will enhance the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our students, faculty, staff and alumni."

Items can still be purchased to help furnish the chapel. Any item that is purchased can be given in honor of or in memory of someone. A plate of recognition will be placed on that item.

The chapel furnishings



**Chapel fund donations** 

Howard Hamilton, left, owner of Choice Markets, Diamondhead Grocery Store and Waveland Market Center, along with Randy Ponder, right, publisher of the Sea Coast Echo, present Pearl River Community College Chapel Fund chairman James Ginn checks Thursday. The two had a personal challenge to match what the other donated. "The chapel is certainly something needed to give the students a place to gather on campus," said Ponder. "We urge others to consider this worthy cause," Hamilton added.

price list includes: Pews, \$4,500; \$1,200 each (4 remaining); flower stands, \$350 each (1 remaining); prayer rail system, \$4,500; choir/instrument screen, \$4,000; Aisle Gothic arch windows, \$3,000 each (2.5 feet by 6 feet); one Front Door Transom window, \$4,000 (6 feet by 4.5 feet); one Clover leaf @ gable end window,

piano, \$20,000; sound system, \$10,000.

For more information, the write Development Foundation, P.O. Box 5389, Poplarville, MS 39470, or call Donna Wilson Lee at (601) 403-1183.

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Applications should be mailed to the Local Federal, Coordinating Committee for CFC, c/o United Way of South Mississippi, 9524 Creosote Rd., Gulfport, MS 39503.

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"Fighting cancer can be very costly, both emotionally and financially," said Lori Langner, quality of life director for the American Cancer Society. "Awarding these scholarships is our

age 21 and be a resident of Arkansas, Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, or

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> For more information on the scholarship program or to obtain an application, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide. community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and serv-

## March 7 is deadline for ACT exam

Assessment on April 12, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 7. Late registration postmark deadline is March 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

 $AC\bar{T}$  scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in english, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it

more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was administered more than 2 million times last vear.

Important tips--students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online ACT's website

www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

Editors and reporters use our website for story ideas and information or contact Ken Gullette at the number above with any educational/testing questions or interview needs.

#### **Rotary Club** holding Tax Relief **Draw Down**

The Pass Christian Rotary Club is sponsoring a \$5000. Tax Relief Draw Down. The event will take place Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in the West Harrison County Recreational Center on Espy Avenue and will feature free food, music and drinks.Tickets are \$50. each and may be purchased from any Pass Christian Rotary member or from John Lutenbacher at 452-9296 or Chuck Taylor at 452-3344.

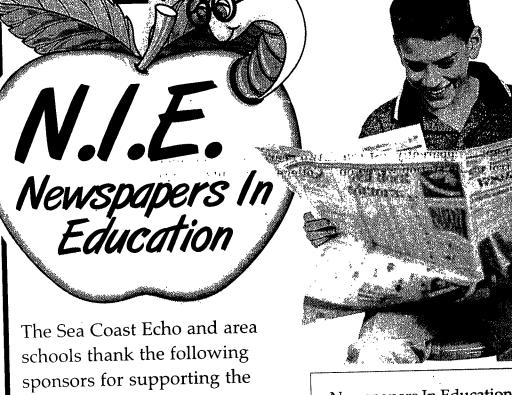
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Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball at Lakeshore Field will hold registration on Saturday March 1st from 2pm at 10am until Lakeshore playground on the corner of Lower Bay Rd. and Lakeshore Rd. and at the Hwy 603 Chevron at the corner of Waveland-Kiln Cutoff Rd. and also on Saturday March 8th from

10am until 2pm Waveland Wal-Mart and Diamondhead Supermarket. The league is open to all girls age 5-18 who lives anywhere in County. Hancock Registration is \$30 and raffle tickets are available to sell toward the fee. A copy of birth certificate must also be provided. Adults wishing to volunteer as coaches or

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## School board tours facilities, votes to purchase two new air-conditioned buses

BY SHANNON JENKINS Staff Writer

Hancock County School Board members spent the day Feb. 17 touring each school in the district.

The school board officially tours the facilities once a year so members can observe the schools in session.

Morgan Ladner (District 3) and Larry Seal (District 5) were the first board members to tour the facilities under a new law. which became effective July 1, 2002. Senate Bill 2488 requires new board members to spend at least one full day in a school in

a district he or she repre- excellent shape but we are sents without compensa-

Seal said the tour was fast-paced during the first hour while Gov. Ronnie Musgrove made an appearance at the high school and middle school. He said he plans to re-visit both schools because he believes there was a lack of interaction between the board members and the staff because a lot of attention was focused on the governor's presence.

However, Seal said he was impressed with the

going to have to do some work at North Central," he said. "It is time for the board to focus on North Central and the north end of the county in general

going to be growing." Seal said the state-ofthe-art facilities were very impressive, especially the technology prospective.

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"It is truly amazing to see a computer within arms length of most every student," he said. "For the last 13 years I have only viewed the district's facilities from a risk manage-The facilities are in ment and insurance point

and not the internal workings of the district. It was indeed an enlightening tour."

After a day of touring, the board met for its recess meeting where discussed members whether or not to purchase five air-conditioned

buses. The district currently has 74 buses in its fleet with 63 on routes and 11 in reserve. None are airconditioned. The air-conditioned buses would be used during the hot months for long school trips and on the longest regular routes.

The board approved to purchase only two of the three new air-conditioned buses for next school year at \$57,911.93 each. School board members decided to postpone buying all five buses because of the current planning and bidding stage of an expansion project at East Hancock Elementary. The cutback will provide an extra cush-

their expectations. Once the bids have been made, board members plan to purchase more buses if there is money left over in the building and hus fund.

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#### Murder.

said, at approximately 9:23 p.m. Sunday, when police dispatch received a call from Amar Street reporting shots being fired in the

"Upon arrival officers found a gathering of people in the area of Olivari and Herlihy Streets who denied hearing any gunshots. While officers were at the scene of the first call, dispatchers received a second call from a man needing medical attention in the 600 block of Herlihy," Varnell's release stated.

Varnell continued, "When officers arrived at the 600 block of Herilhy, they found a passenger and the driver

a truck that had left the road and went through the front yard at 607 Herlihy with a male in full cardiac arrest. Fire Rescue and AMR were called and AMR personnel pronounced the

man dead at the scene." "Then a third dispatch was received from 705 Hogan Street of a male reported as being shot. Officers found him and he reported he was shot while he was a passenger in the truck of the victim found earlier on Herlihy," Varnell

reported. Varnell said officers were told by Fowler, "That he was

was attempting to purchase crack cocaine and the next thing he knew he was shot and the victim found in the truck was also shot. Fowler

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said he jumped from the truck and ran to the Hogan Street address and called for medical assistance. Fowler was taken to Hancock Medical Center, was treated and later released." Waveland Police is still

investigating the shooting and Varnell urges anyone with information on the shooting, to please call the Waveland Police Department at 467-3669.

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Verret, 31, of Metairie, La. wagon hit an embankment and flipped several times before stopping in a ditch.

The wreck followed close-Slidell, La.; and Frank ly on the crash Friday afternoon on Hwy. 603 in Gazzo said Charles Hancock County that killed Lapine apparently lost con- 'two Pearl River Community

trol of the station wagon on College students, Chris Mississippi 43 south of Goff, 21, of Picayune; and Picayune. The station Ashley Holden, 18, of Bay St. Louis. A third student, Bordelon Pearlington, 19, was also

injured in the crash.

Bordelon suffered a broken pelvis, and was initially transported to Hancock Medical Center, but was later transferred to Singing River Hospital.

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Both Goff and Holden were former Hancock High School students.

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#### **Drugs**

a.m., she appeared very nervous. There was also a passenger in her vehicle, the officer inquired if she had anything in the vehicle and was told no," Garber report-

continued, Garber "Gilkerson received permission to search the vehicle and with the assistance of Deputy David Dear, discovered a small amount crack cocaine on the driver's side on the floor. Further search of the vehicle revealed a small container of several small rock like articles that

tested positive for cocaine." Moise was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute with bond set at

Narcotic Sheriff's Division's Agent Christ Russell is handling the drug investigation.

On Sunday, night, around 9:45 p.m., Gilkerson stopped a vehicle on Highway 603 for none, or very poor tail

Garber said, "Joshua Lizana, 26, 5055 Pearl St., the driver, and passenger, Nicholas Melancon, 22, 3390 C.C. Road, were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and bond set for each at \$25,000. Lizana is out on

When the vehicle was stopped, Gilkerson reported he asked the driver if he had anything in which he stated no. Gilkerson and Dear

noticed both occupants bending over as if they were hiding something. The officers were then given permission to search the vehicle. They were asked to get out of the car, and officers had the passenger take off his shoes and socks, they noticed a small baggy of white powder substance fall on the ground. The driver took off his shoe and there was a bulge in his sock and a pill in a baggy fell to the ground," Garber reported.

"The powder tested positive for cocaine and the pill tested positive Methamphetamine Narcotic (Ecstasy). Division's Russell is han-

dling the drug case," Garber

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all over the area, said facil-Steve manager Landry.

ly designed to handle the heavy transport vehicles. Also included in the price of the project will be a new rail crossing and road improvements which widen and overlay an existing road to the facility.

ed by an Intermodal Improvement Connector Program grant from the Mississippi Department of

The rail improvement Director Greg Deakle.

The storage area will be

rail that is being replaced by heavier track. The new track will be heavy enough to accommodate the new 286,000 pound cars preferred by many shippers,

Deakle said. The project will be funded with low or no interest loans from the Mississippi Development Authority or

The projects are two of the approximately 3.8 million worth of improvements to be made at the port this

In other business:

Southwind Construction has completed excavation of about 97,000 cubic feet of soil from the Little Lake dredging site, said programs manager Jerry Hemphill. The crew is averaging about 45 to 50 thousand feet of material a week in the dredging project and are expected to be able to complete the project by the

Engineers for regular maintenance of the site.

 Restoration of the lab that was damaged at Polymer Technologies is about 97 new facilities next month.

their approval to a \$5,000 contract with Community Development Inc. to conduct a strategic planning survey. The purpose of the plan will be to develop a strategic plan for economic growth over the next five years, said Director Hal Walters. The company is a subsidiary of the Foreign Trade Zone

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built using the old lighter

March 10 deadline. Benefits from the project, a clear way for ships to reach the port, should have a life of about ten to fifteen years, said Hemphill. He said he plans to make a request to the Corps of

Mississippi percent complete and work is expected to resume in the

 Commissioners gave Corporation.

## **Obituaries**

LEONARD BABINEAU PATRICIA BIEN **CAROL BOLLING** WILLIAM CARBONETTE LARRY GARCIA II CHRISTOPHER GOFF ASHLEY HOLDEN OREAN LEE JOHN JOHNSON ANGELIQUE TAYLOR

LEONARD BABINEAU Leonard H. Babineau, 62,

died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Babineau was a native of New Bedford, Mass., and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. He retired as owner of Lenny's Paint and Body Shop.

He was preceded in death by a son, Lenny Babineau; and his parents, Harvey and Beatrice Marcot Babineau.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Babineau of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Tommy Babineau and David Babineau (wife, Deona), both of Kiln; a daughter, Jeanne Babineau Kilpatrick of Kiln; a sister, Simone Babineau Andrade of New Bedford; and seven grandchildren.

Graveside services will be today at 12:30 p.m. at Rotten Bayou Cemetery in Kiln. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.



#### PATRICIA BIEN

Patricia Bien, 62, died on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at Broward General Hospital'in Fort Lauderdale, Florida after a brief illness.

Patricia Rindo Strine Bien was born on Sept. 1, 1940, in Conneaut, Ohio, the daughter of Anthony J. (Icy) and Lou Ellen Rindo. Patricia Rindo was reared in Albion, Pa. and graduated from Albion Area High School in 1958. Patty received her bachelor's and masters degrees in education from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. As an educator, she taught in the Conneaut Area City School District in Ohio. After relocating to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Pat continued her teaching career in Louisiana and Mississippi. She retired from the Bay St. Louis-Waveland District in 2001.

Married to Eugene Bien for over 15 years, they enjoyed sailing and water related activities. They cruised extensively on Lake Erie and the Gulf Coast in their sailboats, 'Quietide" and "Breezin' Up."

Pat was accomplished in hand-crafts and enjoyed volunteering, reading, traveling and spending time with her friends and family. In 2001, she moved to Diamondhead where she lived with her mother, Lou Ellen Rindo, and sister, Rebecca.

Pat was a member of Diamondhead Community Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Diamondhead Garden Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, and Hancock County Republican

Club, and an avid sailor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene P. Bien, and her father, Anthony J. Rindo.

Patricia is survived by her son, Michael Strine of Conneaut, Ohio; daughter, Donna Ward and husband, George; granddaughters Katie and Megan Ward, all of Woolmarket; mother, Lou Ellen Rindo and sister Rebecca of Diamondhead; brother Robert and wife Caroline Rindo of Batavia, N.Y.; sister Jane and husband Alan Maunus of Palm City, Fla.; and sister Marjorie and husband Richard Kent of Conneaut, Ohio; many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and friends.

A memorial service will be held at the Diamondhead Community Church on Friday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

CAROL BOLLING

Carol Deloris "Cal" Bolling, 53. died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003.

Mrs. Bolling was a native of Waveland. She was a member of Mount Chapel Baptist Church and was an Army vet-

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Rachel and Hawkins Hawkins; a brother, Burlin Hawkins; and a stepdaughter, Angela M. Bolling.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Bolling of Waveland; three stepdaughters, Ramona D. Bolling, Gena M. Snead and Traci M. Bolling of Las Vegas; four stepsons, Edward Bolling and Gabriel K. Bolling of Las Vegas, Charlie Bolling III of Sacramento, Calit., and Brain K. Bolling of Cleveland, Ohio; five sisters, Norita Henry, Cleo Willis and Terri Johnson of Waveland, Carnell Copper of Phoenix, Ariz., and Zeonobia Wright of New Orleans; and five brothers, Garry Hawkins, Lionel Hawkins, Leroy Hawkins, Leo Hawkins, all of Waveland, and Charles Hawkins of West

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Chapel Baptist Church in Waveland. Services will follow at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be in Waveland Cemetery, directed by Baylous Funeral Home.

WILLIAM CARBONE: TE William "Bill" Carbonette, 64, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2003,

in Hattiesburg. Mr. Carbonette was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Hancock County for 37 years before moving to Hattiesburg 27 years ago. He was of the Catholic faith. He was a veteran serving in the U.S Army during the Berlin Crisis. He was the former fire

chief and chief of police of Bay St. Louis. He was retired as a security officer at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and a part-time driving with the Express Services Shuttle Hattiesburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie E. and Miriam Boudin Carbonette. Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Johnson of Gonzales, La., and Sharon Gautreau of Lafayette, La.; two sisters, Bobbette C. Joyner of Middleburg, Fla., and Liz C. Farve of Bay St. Louis; seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, three nieces, three nephews and numerous great nieces and great nephews.

Visitation will be held today from 7 to 10 p.m. at Edmond

110 Necaise Avenue

Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. The prayer service will be held Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

LARRY GARCIA II

Larry Douglas Garcia II, 29, died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, in Waveland.

Mr. Garcia was a native of Gulfport and a longtime resident of Hancock County. He was of the Catholic faith. Survivors include a son,

Larry Garcia III of West Palm Beach, Fla.; mother, Angela Orama of Kiln; father and step-mother, Larry and Judy Garcia of Denham Springs, La.; a brother, Drake Domino II of Kiln; three sisters, Lucretia Garcia of Gautier, Heather Garcia of Denham Springs, La. and Jessica Garcia of Denham Springs, La.; and his Beloved Girl Friend, Tina Bond of Ocean Springs; and Tina's Children, D.J. Bond and Lindsey Bond both of Ocean Springs.

Prayer services were held Wednesday at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial followed at Bayou CoCo Cemetery in Kiln.

CHRISTOPHER GOFF Christopher "Chris" Goff, 21, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003,

Necaise, Miss. Chris was a of Catahoula and a student at Pearl River Junior College. He was a member of the Little Providence Baptist Church and a 2000 graduate of Hancock High. He was a member of the football, track and baseball teams.

Survivors include one brother. Terrance Goff of Picayune; one sister, Charlotte Goff of Catahoula; a grandmother, Mary Goff of Catahoula; and a grandfather, Woodrow Magee of Houston, Texas.

Visitation will be held today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pilgrim Bound Baptist Church in Picayune. Services will follow at 1 p.m. at the church. Baylous Funeral Home.in Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

ASHLEY HOLDEN

Ashley Ruth Holden, 18, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, in Hancock County.

Ashley was a native of Slidell. She played soccer at Hancock High and was a member of the National Honor Spanish Honor Society, Society, DECA and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was attending Pearl River Community

College. Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Stephanie and Russell Ladner of Bay St. Louis; father and stepmother, James and Jeanette Holden of Bay St. Louis; grandparents, Ruth Davis of Pearlington, Mr. and Mrs. James Holden Sr. of Pearlington, Sam Ladner of Lakeshore and Millie Gordy of Orange, Texas; two brothers, James Holden III of Bay St. Louis and Jamie Verdin of Pearlington; and two sisters, Elizabeth Holden and Dawn

Martin, both of Pearlington. Services were held Monday at Pearlington Methodist Church. Burial was held in Pearlington Cemetery, directed by Riemann Funeral Home

25th Avenue in Gulfport. The family prefers memorials to the Hancock Humane Society, P.O. Box 2273, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

JOHN JOHNSON

John Louis Johnson, 65, of Gulfport died Tuesday, Feb. 18,

2003 at Keesler Medical Center in Biloxi.

He was born in Gulfport, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and traveled the world before retiring and returning to his hometown. John was proud of his service to our country and served in Viet Nam. He was a member of many fraternal including organizations, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, American Legion, DAV, VFW, Fleet Reserve and Moose Lodge. He enjoyed traveling in his motor home to visit family and friends and video taping family events.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Ray Johnson and mother, Sarah E. Johnson; and a sister, Barbara Batte Seibert.

Mr. Johnson is survived by a loving sister, Patsy Esterman of Hampton, Va.; nieces, Judy Thorndyke of Panama City Beach, Fla., Patricia Walker of Kiln, Sara Davis of Okemah, Okla., and Sharon Esterman of Hampton, Va.; nephews, Roy Batte of Diamondhead, Allen Esterman of Hampton, Va.; a great- niece, Kenndra L. Croyl and great-nephew, James E. Thorndyke of Panama City, Fla., who John helped raise while their father was away serving in the military. Mr. Johnson had a total of twelve great nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held today at 3 p.m. at the Pass Road Chapel of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Biloxi where friends may visit from 1:45 p.m. until service time. Burial will follow at Biloxi National Cemetery with full military honors.

OREAN LEE

Orean Wayne Lee, 26, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, in Carriere.

Mr. Lee was a native of Picayune. He was a carpenter and a member of Derby Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Olen Wayne Lee of Purvis and Mary Margaret Lee of Kiln; a daughter, Faith Ann Lee of Poplarville; five brothers. Marty Lee, Jason Lee, Breland, Chad · Poplarville, Scotty Lee and both Weston Lee, Henleyfield; and grandparents Harold Lee Sr. of McNeill, Jake Breland of Henleyfield and Lois and Larry Graham of

Henleyfield. Services were Wednesday at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune. Burial followed in McNeill Cemetery in Carriere.

ANGELIQUE TAYLOR Angelique M. Taylor, age unavailable, died Saturday,

Feb. 22, 2003, in Gulfport. Services are pending at J.T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

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#### CARD OF THANKS FROM THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF **RUTH WHITEMORE**

We wish to express sincere thanks to the many friends and family of Ruth Whitemore for the love, prayers, support, and sympathy shown during her recent illness and death on Wednesday, January 29, 2003. The beautiful flowers, cards, visits, and phone calls were appreciated so much.

We extend a special "thank you" to the staff of Quality Hospice, especially Gerry Stoltz, and to sitters, Aurelie Roussel Hilton, Rachael Ladner, and Tammy Steno.

Our sincere thanks is offered to Edmond Fahey Funeral Home and to Rev. Rick Brooks, pastor of the Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis for the beautiful service conducted in Bay St. Louis on Thursday, January 30, 2003.

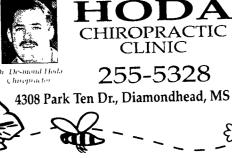
We especially appreciate Joy Bonin for making the arrangements, Greg Bonin for driving to and from Memphis, TN for the burial services and interment on Saturday, February 1, 2003, and Clare Louise Lajaunie for her continued support and assistance.



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## BUSINESS NEWS

## **State gaming commission faces** shortage of agents

BY TIMOTHY R. **BROWN ASSOCIATED PRESS** WRITER

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) The Mississippi Gaming Commission is suffering through a shortage of agents charged with halting illegal gambling and regulating the state's \$3 billion casino industry, officials say.

Leigh Ann Wilkins, a spokeswoman for the Gaming Commission, said the agency has one agent per 65,000 square feet of casino gaming space and only three agents assigned to investigate illegal gambling activity.

Budget concerns have forced cuts in recent years and the state's current money crunch will not allow any new hirings, she said.

Wilkins said Mississippi is falling behind other states in staffing levels for gaming commission agents.

`There are some jurisdictions, such as New Jersey, that have an enforcement agent on each casino property 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Wilkins said Wednesday. "We realize that is impossible to do due



New director

John Chaszar has been promoted to the Senior Director of Resort Operations at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. He is responsible for all nongaming operations including hotel, food and beverage. The Bridges golf course, facilities and retail operations. Chaszar was formerly the senior director of hotei operations at Casino Magic. Prior to joining Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, Chaszar was thegeneral manager at Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, Colorado. A 1984 graduate of Michigan State University

Hotel/Restaurant Management, he has held management positions at hotels across the country, including The Peabody Hotel, Pier 66 Resort, Radisson, Hilton and Choice Hotels.

to budget constraints, but the agency does need more agents to increase our coverage of the casinos."

Gaming state The believes Commission Mississippi should have one agent per 25,000 square feet of casino gaming space. And since the state has the shortage, agents once assigned to investigate illegal gambling activity have been reassigned.

"We know that illegal gaming is a very serious problem in Mississippi and we do not want to turn our back on it," said Wilkins, who noted that the agency once had up to nine agents assigned to the task.

We do know that it is probably a little more widespread and that it could use commit any more agents to that."

Last year, the Mississippi Gaming Commission conducted several raids on illegal gambling operations in the state.

The raids resulted in the seizure 52 illegal gambling devices from six Indianola businesses, 111 illegal gaming devices from 19 businesses in Meridian and Lauderdale County, and several more illegal gaming machines at businesses in Hancock County.

Wilkins said the agency has had some success working with local law enforcement to arrest those operating illegal gaming establishments.

The manpower it takes to regulate Mississippi's 29 casinos, however, often hampers illegal gaming investigations, Wilkins said.

Our main focus has to be on legalized gambling in the state," Wilkins said. `The legal casinos are a \$3 industry billion Mississippi and their regulation requires a tremendous amount of manpower and resources."

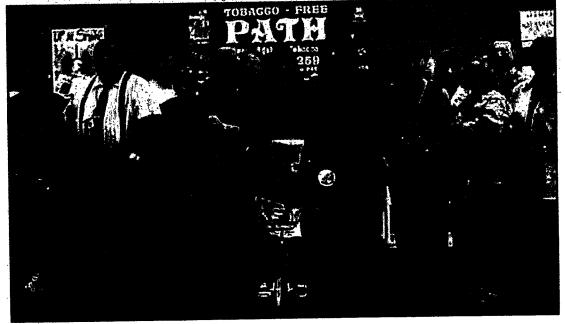
Andy Boorland, executive director for the Mississippi Gaming Association, said illegal gambling is something that needs to be dealt with, however, the activity doesn't really hurt the casino industry.

Obviously it is a concern of ours," Boorland said. But does it impact the casino industry in terms of revenue? No. Clearly it is an image issue and it is something that needs to be cleaned up."

Wilkins said it will be tough for three agents, no matter how hard they try, to clean up the problem.

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Kiln branch

The Partnership Against Tobacco Here, PATH, recently celebrated the opening of its new Klin branch in Hancock Plaza, Highway 603. In attendance were Terry Latham, Tim Baker, Pat Gorell, project director Gloria Necaise, Debbie Kuylen, Lora Mederos, Lynn Bell, Lauly Peterson and many others. The group offers community health education targeted to help youth make healthy choices. For more information, call 586-2590. (Staff photo by Cecilia

## Hancock Bank purchases spread and that it could use additional manpower, but we just can't at this time Jefferson Parish branches

pleted its acquisition of two Dryades Savings Bank branches located in Metairie, LA, and Kenner,

Hancock and Dryades management have signed documents consummating Hancock's purchase of Dryades' Jefferson Parish offices at 500 Veterans and 4041Boulevard Williams Boulevard. Both locations are within minutes of the causeway conmetropolitan necting Jefferson Parish to St. Tammany Parish's thriving Northshore communities, where four of Hancock's 50 Louisiana financial centers

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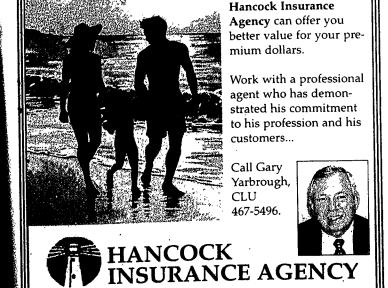
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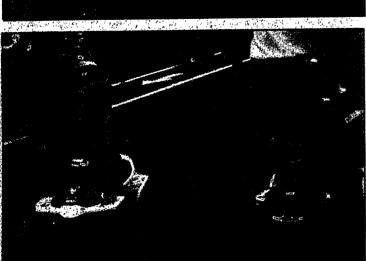
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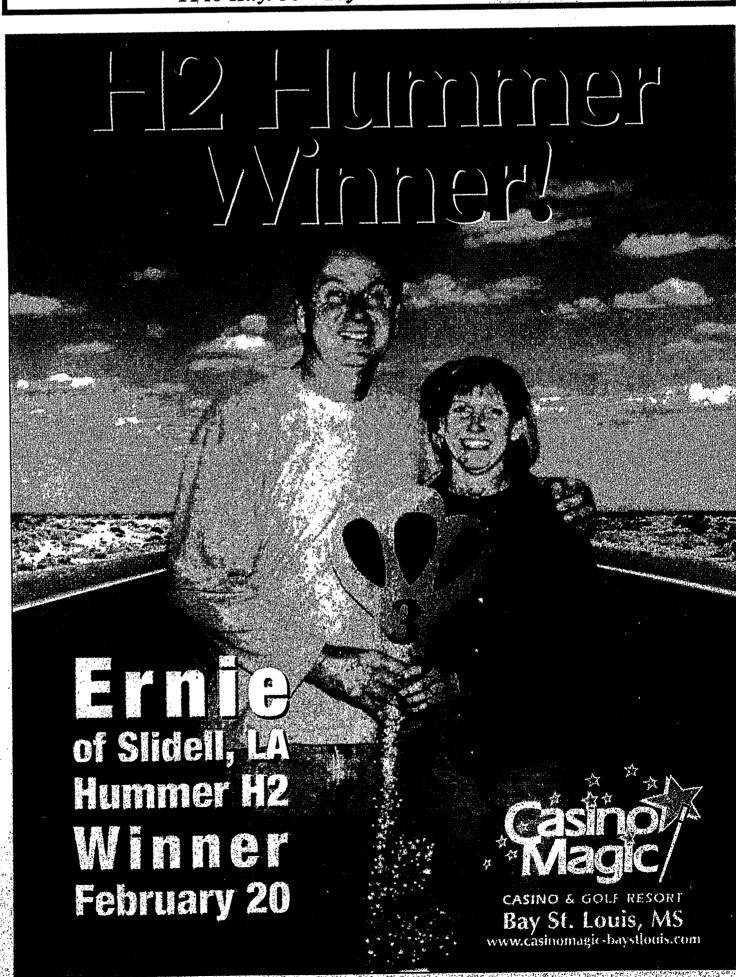




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## SPORTS

## Rocks' win over Chargers sets up match with No. 1-Lanier

#### BY JOSEPH W. GEX II Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rocka-chaws (31-5) claimed a quarter-final win in the state tournament Monday, Feb. 24, and advanced to a Class 4A semi-final contest with the top-ranked Jackson-Lanier Bulldogs.

Just two days after the heart-breaking loss to Picayune, the Rocks pulled a win out over the Oxford Chargers in overtime 55-49. The game was a rematch of last year's quarter-final matchup in Class 4A in which SSC won, as well.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner commented, "I will take the win. They say an ugly win is better than losing pretty, and it is evident tonight. I thought the defensive job on Vincent Camper by Gabe Willis and Darius Acker was very effective.

"Vincent Camper is a

tremendous player and he played very hard, as did the entire Oxford team. This win is great because of the tough we suffered on Saturday. We had a lot of guys playing in tonight's game that did not have much experience due to the foul situation. Lanier is loaded. We will have to play much, much better than we did tonight to have a shot at

Mario Faranda and Brett Amond both fouled out of the game for SSC in the fourth period. Gabe Willis and Darius Acker were playing with foul concerns. Rob Murray searched for that sweet shot while SSC got tremendous help from the bench in Sam Tart, Ben Benvenutti, and Jay Spell.

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and nailed free throws down the stretch to seal the win. SSC senior guard Gabe Willis recalled, "The job on Vincent Camper was

designed to take him out of

more things on offense. When we fouled him out in overtime, it caused some confusion as to who was their leader on the floor. We took advantage of that and

made the most of what they gave us. Jackson Lanier has a lot of good players. We just can't be intimidated by them. The only one we should fear is God. We have to have that attitude and just play hard." Oxford jumped out to an

18-14 lead after one period of play. Faranda and Acker each scored six points in the first period to pace the Rocks. Camper led the Chargers in the opening period with six points, as well.

It seemed as thought the two teams traded baskets in the second period until the 2:50 mark before halftime. At that point, the Rocks went on a 9-3 run to end the first half and claim a 29-27 lead at the break. Acker scored eight of the nine points for SSC during the run.

Oxford opened the third period with a 7-0 run and

SSC answered with a 7-0 run of their own: Oxford tied the game at 36-36 with 1:09 left when Andrew Mitchell connected on two charity shots.

The fourth period was a game of keep-away for both teams. Twice during the period, SSC took a four-point lead only to see Oxford answer the challenge. With 3:17 left to play, SSC nursed a 41-37 lead. But, Oxford went 4for-4 from the line to send the game into extra min-

Camper nailed two free throws to give Oxford their last lead of the game 43-41 with 3:45 left in the extra period. He fouled out on the next possession. SSC went on a 14-6 run to end the game and claim the win.

Acker had a complete game for the Rocks as he led SSC with 29 points, 12 rebounds and 5 assists.

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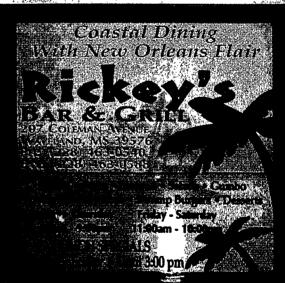
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## Bay wins title; SSC, HHS advance as No. 2 seeds

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II Staff Writer

e a m s advanced to the South State title games in Class 4A and Class 5A on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The No. 6-ranked St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws, host of the boys Class 4A tournament, advanced to the title game against the No. 10-ranked Picayune Maroon Tide. The Tide squeaked by the Rocks 34-31 for the title and the No. 1-seed in ther state tournament.

The No. 4-ranked Hancock Lady Hawks played in the girls 5A title game in Kiln on Saturday and were defeated by the Lady War Eagles of Wayne County 63-50. The Lady Hawks advanced to the state tournament in Jackson as the No. 2-seed from the South in Class 5A girls action.

The No. 2-ranked Bay High Lady Tigers hosted the Class 4A girls tournament at the Wilmer E. Seymour Gymnasium. The Lady Tigers advanced to the title game against the Lady Eagles of South Pike on Saturday and won 54-51 to claim a bye in the first round of the state tournament by virtue, of South State Tournament

In the game between St. Stanislaus (30-5) and Picayune (31-2), one received varied viewpoints that amounted to much the same answer - there is absolutely no love-loss between these two teams. The rivalry has been called a pure battle stretches back decades. It Acker drew his third foul is a game that almost always comes down to who has the ball last. At any rate, it is a spectator's game. And, it is a game that spectator's involved in, literally.

SSC jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead on the Tide in the first period behind the hot hand of junior guard Darius Acker who scored all eight points. However, Picayune quickly cut the lead to 10-9 by the end of the period. The Tide was led by senior guard Earl Fortenberry's two three-pointers in the period. Acker became involved in foul trouble early in the second period and had to sit out the remainder of the first half.

The second period was much of the same - a slow. down offense and tremendous defense. The Rocks scored three points while the Tide added only seven points before halftime. The score at intermission was 16-13 in favor of the Tide.

The third period started off for SSC in much the same was as the first period. Acker scored the first five points followed by a basket by Mario Faranda which gave SSC the lead

Joey Daly drained a trey to cut the Rocks' lead back to 20-19. Faranda added a basket with about 1:43 left in the period. Picayune scored with :54 left but Brett  ${f Amond}$ answered to give the Rocks the three-point cushion 24-21 at the end of the third.

Picayune quickly got the lead back thanks in part to Daly's second trey of the game. The fans got involved, literally, after Gabe Willis' three-pointer and the foul with 5:22 left in the game. Willis nailed the shot and drew the foul in the corner near the Picayune student section. After the shot, some PMHS students shoved



The Bay High Lady Tigers advanced to the title game against the South Pike Lady Eagles on Saturday and won 54-51 to claim a bye in the first round of the state tournament by virtue of winning the Class 4A South State Tournament title.

Willis and were escorted from the gymnasium. The shot gave SSC a 27-26 lead which was short-lived.

Fortenberry

McNichols drained consecutive treys to go up, 32-28. Acker answered with a three ment as the No. 1-seed pointer of his won to cut the lead to 32-31 with 1:39 left to play. On the next Picayune possession, winning the Class AA Acker made an apparent steal which would have esulted in an uncontested layup; however, the official did not see it that way and whistled Acker for his fifth and final foul. The infraction all but sealed the Rocks' fate and gave the title to Picayune. Fortenberry iced the free shots for the final tally.

SSC head coach Jay early in the game, we had to just hang in there. We had our chances late in the game to win but we could not convert. When Acker stole the ball late for an apparent score, we felt good; however, the official saw it differently. Now, we need to put this past us and get ready for our opponent in the state tournament on Monday."

Darius Acker led the Rocks with 16 points and Brett Amond had 6 blocked shots. Earl Fortenberry scored 14 points to lead the Maroon Tide.

The Hancock Lady Hawks (27-7) fell short in girls South State title in Saturday, on February 22, with a 63-50 loss to the Lady War Eagles of Wayne County.

Hancock defeated Gulfport 63-46 behind Prep All-American Brooke Necaise's 23 points and 8 rebounds. The Lady Admirals were ranked No.13 in the state coming into the game.

In the game against. Wayne County, Hancock started off in a groove but lost their touch in the second half. The lady War Eagles overcame a deficit at halftime to take the lead 43-40 at the end of third period.

In the fourth period, the Lady Hawks were cold except for Devin Necaise who scored the only points of the period for Hancock. Necaise swished three deep shots for nine points. Devin Necaise ended the game with 15 points while Brooke Necaise led all scorers with 21 points.

The Lady Hawks will play Jackson-Murrah in the state quarter-finals on Wednesday at 1pm in Jackson. Scoring details of that game will be run in the Sunday, March 2 issue.

The Bay High Lady

Tigers (33-1) claimed the South State 4A title with a 54-51 win over the South Pike Lady Eagles. It was not a pretty win but it will do just fine for Debbie Triplett's troops as they enter the state tournafrom the South. The Lady Tigers had to rely on freethrow shooting down the stretch to claim the title.

Carmen Labat was 4for-4 at the charity stripe in the last 1:30 to lead the Lady Tigers.

Bay High played 'basically five players against a two-platoon system from South Pike. The Lady Tigers' conditioning wore the Lady Eagles down in the end.

Triplett stated, "It came down to free throws at the between good and evil. It., Ladner summed up the end. Carmen Labat. has been touted as the odisturbing lass, 6.1t, was an istepped up and made some; most heated rivalry in hard fought game as it crucial free throws for us. South Mississippi that usually is. When Darius We played very hard tonight. South Pike is a very physical and athletic team. They played 10players to our five players. Our conditioning was no doubt an asset for us in the game tonight."

Carmen Labat led the Lady Tigers with 18 points. Kendra Reed scored 15 points and Stephanie Reed added 11 points. LaMonica James pulled down 8 boards and Felicia Thomas rebounded with 6 assists fro a tough game the night before. Triplett acknowledged that Thomas' defensive prowess against South Pike was integral in winning the game.

Bay High will play their bid to claim the 5A Jackson Provine on Friday, February 28 at 6:30pm in Jackson for the right to advance to the state title game.

The Pass Christian Pirates were eliminated from the state playoffs by Northeast Lauderdale 58-57 on Saturday nigth at  $\mathbf{the}$ Brother Memorial Gymnasium. The Pirates finished their season with a record of 20-

Pass Christian had an opportunity to tie the game with :00 left on the clock but only made one of two free throws. Northeast Lauderdale advanced to the state tournament as the No. 3-seed from the

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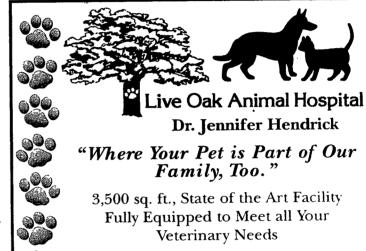


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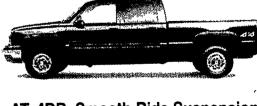
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## Inking with PRCC



Hancock High School seniors Irvin Jackson and Nicholas Hume recently signed two-year football scholarships with Pearl River Community in Poplarville. On hand for the signing were (back row, from left) Hancock High defensive line coach Jeff Hopgood and athletic director Rocky Gaudin, (front row, from left) Mittle Lee Jackson, Irvin Jackson, Nicholas Hume, and Michelle Hume.

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## **Top-seeded Wildcats** win opening round

Community College lived up to its top South Division men's basketball seeding here Tuesday in the 2003 MACJC State Tournament, as the demolished Wildcats Itawamba's Indians 91-66 and now faces Mississippi Delta tonight in the semifinals.

PRCC improved to 22-4 overall with the victory, while Itawamba dropped to 15-10. MDCC, the North's No. 2 seed, were 91-87 winners over South No. 3 Southwest in Tuesday's nightcap.

Pearl River's women, the South's No. 3 women's seed, improved to 20-6 after cruising to a 73-66 victory over Northeast's Lady Tigers Monday. The Lady Wildcats now face undefeated host Copiah-Lincoln tonight at 6 p.m. The Wildcats' battle with the Trojans begins immediately afterwards.

Wildcat head coach Richard Mathis was obviously pleased with his team's performance.

"I really couldn't ask for much more effort from our guys," said Mathis, who is in his 13th season and has already guided the Wildcats' to two MACJC state titles. "Of course, we shot the ball

better than we generally do, but it was a complete team effort,"

In the Wildcats' win, Itawamba led only once in the game when O'Brien Lowe sank the Indians first two baskets of the night to grab a brief 4-2 edge in the opening minutes. PRCC's Yandell Brown of Eastman, Ga., answered by sinking a pair of foul shots to tie it up, then Ray Selvage of Baton Rouge slammed one home to give the Wildcats the lead for good.

But the Indians kept it close for a while. Lowe's only three pointer of the game with 9:55 left before the intermission cut Pearl River's lead to 15-14, but it was all downhill for ICC from that point on. The Wildcats rebounded with a 30-13 run to end the first half, capped by Brown's bucket at the buzzer to put PRCC up 45-27 its largest lead of the first half.

The Wildcats will join the Lady Wildcats at the Region XXIII Tournament next week where the champions cop berths in NJCAA National Tournaments that begin March 18 in Salina, Kan. (women's), Hutchinson, Kan. (men's).

#### Lady Cats take opening round win in MACJC

College's Lady Wildcats cruised to a 73-66 victory over Northeast's Lady Tigers here Monday in firstround action of the women's MACJC State Tournament and now face undefeated Copiah-Lincoln host Wednesday in the semifinals.

PRCC's women, the South Division's third-seeded team, improved to 20-6 with the win, while Northeast, the North's second seed, evened its overall record to 11-11. Pearl River and Northeast could possibly see a rematch, as both squads will be in next week's Region XXIII Tournament at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Co-Lin's Lady Wolves, the South's top seed and ranked third in the nation in last week's NJCAA poll, padded their unblemished record to 26-0 with a 75-46 blow out over Northwest semi-final match with Pearl River.

Against Northeast. things stayed close in the early going. The score was tied three times, while the lead exchanged hands seven times in the first eight minutes of play, before PRCC's Kelley Audosha Savannah, Ga., dished off to Kristie McKinley

Softball.

Pearl River Community Hattiesburg High for a ollege's Lady Wildcats bucket to grab the lead for good at 19-18 with 11:30 left in the first half.

Still, the scrappy Lady Tigers refused to roll over. NECC pulled to within one point of the Lady Wildcats 25-24 with 6:55 left in the half, but PRCC answered with a 17-7 run to grab its largest lead of the first half 31-42 in the final seconds when Monique Dale of South Jones sank her only bucket of the night.

A Northeast three pointer by Staranna Frazier and a two pointer by Marquetia Thomas pulled the Lady Tigers to within 44-40 with 14:50 left, but the Lady Wildcats retaliated with a 20-9 run to build its largest lead of the game 64-49 with 6:30 remaining when Kim Winfrey of Oak Grove sank back-to-back baskets. Thomas' bucket with 40 seconds left cut Pearl River's lead to 69-66, but Monday to get into the Kelley iced the victory, sinking four straight foul shots to end the game.

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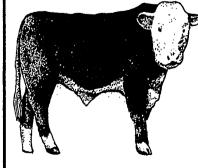
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The national event will begin on Monday, March 31, on the ten courts of Tennis World, according to tennis professional, Steve Garman, who will also serve as tournament referee of the prestigious event.

Garman said that this fall's unusally cold weather has had a minimal effect on the courts and that all have been resurfaced in preparation of the rigorous weeklong event.

He added that Betty Miller of Pass Christian would again serve as tournament chairman.

We are anticipating that this year, as in past years, the nation's best senior women players, and players from major foreign countries will vie for tournament honors once play gets under way," Garman concluded.

Bell added that many local businesses and individuals are expected to provide financial support for the tournament, which annually has attracted top-ranked players who will participate in the three singles' events.

The tournament is open to the public and once again, an excellent turnout is anticipated.

Germany's top women's tennis player, Heidi Orth, is expected to defend her 2002 singles title again this year as are Marietta Boswell, Domasus, Md.; and Lucy Dettmer, Palo Alto, Calif., 70s and 80s last year's winners respectively.

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Sonny Boy Williamson's radio program on KWEM out of West Memphis.

This led to steady engagements at the Sixteenth Avenue Grill in West Memphis, and later to a ten-minute spot on Memphis radio station WDIA. "King's Spot," became so popular, it was expanded and became the "Sepia Swing Club." Soon B.B. needed a catchy radio name.

What started out as Beale Street Blues Boy was shortened to Blues Boy King, and eventually B.B. King.

In the mid-1950s, while B.B. was performing in Twist, Arkansas, two men got into a fight, knocking over a kerosene stove and setting fire to the hall. B.B. raced outdoors to safety with everyone else, then realized that he left his beloved \$30 acoustic guitar inside, so he rushed back inside the burning building to retrieve it, narrowly escaping death.

When he later found out that the fight had been over a woman named Lucille, he decided to give the name to his guitar to remind him never to do a crazy thing like fight over a woman.

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B.B. was inducted into the Blues Foundation Hall of Fame in 1984 and into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

He received NARAS'
Lifetime Achievement
Grammy Award in 1987,
and has received honorary
doctorates from Tougaloo

(MS) College in 1973; Yale University in 1977; Berkley College of Music in 1982; Rhodes College of Memphis in 1990 and Mississippi Valley State University in 2002. In 1992, he received the National Award of Distinction from the University of Mississippi.

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## BLT auditioning for 'Agnes of God'

BY SHANNON JENKINS

Staff Writer
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7 p.m. for the upcoming pro-

duction of "Agnes of God."

The drama tells the story of a psychologist who is called to a convent where a young nun has killed her newborn child.

The psychologist is there to determine the nun's competence to stand trial for her baby's murder.

Director Ronny
Broussard said the play is
also a mystery.

"It is a mystery of who the father is and how there can be a father," he said. "Men do not have access to the convent."

Broussard plans to cast four to five extra women in

addition to the three lead female roles.

Agnes and the extras should be in their late teens to early 20s. The psychologist should be in her late 20s to early 40s. The actress auditioning for the mother superior should be in her late 40s and up.

Broussard said the play calls for serious roles and experienced actresses.

"Agnes exists solely in her own mind where nothing can hurt her," Broussard said. "She is the simplistic puritan who doesn't even realize she had a baby. She has no recollection of the event."

As for the psychologist, she was raised Catholic who has since gotten away from the church. Broussard said

she has a personal vendetta against the church because of past experiences.

"The mother superior holds all the cards," Broussard said. "She has all the answers but doesn't give up any of the information."

Production dates for "Agnes of God" have been scheduled for May 8-10 and 16-18 at 220 Lee Street in Biloxi. For details, call Broussard at 228-863-3571.



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(228) 463-2635

BAY ST. LOUIS, UNFURNISHED 1BR Very nice/quiet, all utilities paid, free cable TV \$475/month 466-4970

1br/1ba. With amazing view. Every luxury. Parking. Yard. \$595/month. 493-7733. DIAMONDHEAD 2 BEDROOM. New kitchen, completely furnished, wash-

BSL. BEACHFRONT APARTMENT.

er/dryer, deck, carport, yard. Includes all utilities. \$700/month plus deposit, pets extra. 586-0955. DOWNTOWN B.S.L: 131 MAIN ST,

upstairs, 2/br, unfurnished. \$500/mo. rent, \$500/deposit. 255-0924. NEW DUPLEX 2BR/1BA. CUSTOM

cabinets, ceramic tile, Berber carpet. \$650/mo. 547-7023. SMALL STUDIO APT. NEAR MAGIC

\$435/mo includes utilities. 228-669-SPACIOUS 2BR APARTMENT carpet/paint. w/loft, w/d, new \$590/mo+\$590dep. Walking distance to beaches/downtown BSL. Available

Now. 228-469-0821. WATERFRONT: 1500 SQ.FT. APT. Dinning-room, 2 bedroom, new kitchen appliance, new carpet/flooring, large decks, pet free, drug free, \$550/month+deposit. 467-6849.

#### 148 Mobile Homes For Rent

14X70 2BR/2BA TOTAL ELECTRIC includes, W/D, water/garbage. Parti-ally furnished. \$430/month, \$150/de-posit. 255-7405 or cell/493-7405

1BR/1BATH WATERFRONT, Quiet Pet/smoke \$300/month, \$250/deposit. Sailfish

Realty. 466-9947. 2BR TRAILER FOR RENT, KILN

Area. 255-5529. 2BR/1BA TRAILER FOR RENT IN Kiln, Pet/free. 255-9397.

3 BEDROOM 2 BATH TRAILER W/all appliances on bayou w/boat launch. All new flooring & carpet, central A & H. Corner lot, small pet ok. Deposit required. Storage bldgs & carport. Call 467-5001 for info.

FOR RENT- UNFURNISHED 2 bedroom mobile home in Ansley. \$100 deposit, \$300 month. 467-6254

TRAILER FOR RENT 3 BEDROOM \$400/dep. \$400/month. 463-0585.

#### 149 Mobile Homes For Sale

1997 16X80 REDMOND 3BR/2BA (1/glamour bath), Vinyl siding, stilngle roof, \$20,000. Will possibly move. 436-0005 or 324-9003

#### 150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2BR HOME WIDECK ON WATER Shoreline Park near I-10. Kitchen appliances, Cent/A/C. W/D hookups. \$485/month with 1 month deposit. 467-4138

2BR/1BA HOUSE, Central air/heat. w/d hook-ups. Newly remodeled. Quiet neighborhood. Waveland. \$550/month plus deposit. 255-3518.

308 S. 2ND ST.: 2/3BR LIVING Room dining, kitchen, utility, bath, yard, garage. Near beach. Pet/free. (504)341-9504

3BR/2-FULL BATHS, FENCED yard, close to beach, all electric, free. \$750/month, \$750/deposit (352)394-4782.

3BR/3BA 116 BOOKTER ACROSS from St. Stanislaus. Wood frame, A/H, hook-ups, no-appliances, pet/free. \$650. (504)733-2416

B.S.L. LARGE 1BR/1BA COTTAGE: Ac/heat, appliances, hook ups, \$425/mo. \$375/dep. Pet/smoke free. Sailfish Realty. 466-9947.

BEACH WALK, 3BR/2BA, W/Jacuzzi, vaulted pine ceilings, Cent. A/C, great neighborhood and street. Screened front porch. \$725/month. \$500/deposit. (228)467-0858.

BEAUTIFUL 2500 SQ. FT 4BR/3BA in Diamondhead. Totally remodeled throughout. Formal living room, dining room, and great room. New ceramic tile flooring and new carpet. Across from golf course. \$1,295/month plus deposit. Call Elton 1-800-927-4593.

COMPLETELY REMODELED 2BR/1BA, large home, Cent. A/C, office, good storage, large yard, 3 blocks from beach. Smoke/pet/free. \$550/month. \$550/dep. 467-4468.

COTTAGE: 1 BEDROOM 1 BATH, 141-1/2 Market St. Waveland. Call 467-7678

RENT: 3BR/2BA., new construction, 168 & 172 Felicity, \$775.; 803 Spanish Acres Dr. 3BR/2BA \$600/month; 405-A Citizen St. Townhome. 3BR/2-1/2BA \$850. Call Chari at McIntyre Rapp Real Estate, 467-3777.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamond-

SKYLINE DR. RAISED 3BR/2BA Cent/a&h, carpet. w/d \$725+dep. evenings 228-467-7142.

#### Lots/Acreage 156

2 LOTS ENGMAN AVE., 2ND Block from north beach. Cedar Point. BSL. Call Sherry Powell. 671-9218. cell.

FOR SALE AT APPRAISED PRICE of \$19,992. Herley St. Blk 21 34-37 Waveland highlands. (601)928-2211 ask for Steve Arrington.

LOT 53, BLOCK 6, OAK HARBOR Subdivision, Section 1. To be sold by Personal Finance Corporation for cash at public sale to the highest and best bidder on 02/27/03 at 12:00 P.M. at 401B Memorial Blvd., Picayune, MS 39466. For more information about the sale or to inspect the property to be sold, call 601-798-4816. The property will be sold without warranty, as is, where is, with all defects, if any. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid.

NICE WATERFRONT LOT in Shoreline Park, \$15,000. Owner finance \$3000 down, \$255/month, 5 years. Owner/agent. 669-4444 or 255-0403.

OWNER FINANCE: NICE BUILDING LOT, Pine Ridge, Waveland \$19,000. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479. Waveland

WHITE CYPRESS LAKES: OWNER financing. Beautiful acreage lots, waterfront, trailer lots, pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, and fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere exit. Thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

#### 158 Commercial Property

2 COMMERCIAL LOTS FOR SALE: 100'x200' total, on Hwy. 603. \$43,900 for both. 467-9545 or 466-

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE available: Choctaw Village, Waveland Ms. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: 910 Hwy 90 approx 1100. \$495/month + deposit. 467-7346

PRUDENTIAL GARDNER: Excellent office location, 1015 Hwy. 90. 2 units available. Close to Hancock Medical Center. Terms negotiable. Call for info./appointment. 467-1602.

#### **Houses For Sale**

BEAUTIFUL 2500 SQ. FT 4BR/3BA home in Diamondhead. Totally remodeled throughout. Formal living room, dining room, and great room. New ceramic tile flooring and new carpet. Across from golf course. Asking \$179,950 Call Elton 1-800-

BY OWNER: GREAT LOCATION 4BR/2ba + 2/half-baths. Sundeck, screened porch, Cent. A/H, carpet, rooms, 2,360 sq ft. spacious \$141,000. 467-5062

CUTE, CUTE, CUTE! Total Remodell Everything new! 3BR/2BA near beach, Waveland. Large lot, quiet street. 410 West 4th. \$87,000. (985)863-3020.

"HAPPILY EVER AFTER LAND" Nestled among a lot of trees. This charming bit of paradise on the water can be your own private retreat. Lots of ammenities. Won't last long. \$99.500. Sherry Powell. Cell 671-9218

HOUSE FOR SALE 3BR/2BA newly remodeled on 1.5 acres. Must see. (228) 255-6937. Asking \$81,000

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PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay

all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653. WALK TO BEACH: 1 ACRE PLUS. 1br/ba, new a/c, \$57,300. 120 Cedar

Point Road off Dunbar. Gold Coast,

#### Condo Rental/Sale

228-467-4479.

FURNISHED CONDO FOR SALE: One block off beach, 201D Coleman Ave., Waveland. 2bedroom/1bath, carport/storage room. \$89,900. Owner finance. Call 985-641-5514.

#### **Public Notices**

FORM 1C. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI RACHEL LEE SMITH PLAINTIFF

VS.

JASON WAYNE SMITH DEFENDANT
CAUSE NO. 2002-138
SUMMONS
To: JASON WAYNE SMITH Defendant,
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed
in this court by Rachel Lee Smith, seeking a
divorce on the grounds of Habitual use of Drugs,
Habitual Cruelty, or in the alternative, Irreconcila-

National Criefly, of in the alternative, intercritical bifferences you are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Brehm Bell, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office and street address is 125 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520 YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THE 22nd DAY OF MARCH 2003, THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE

COMPLAINT
You must also file the original of your Response
with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable
time afterward.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court,
this the 18 day of Feb., 2003.
(SEAL)

(SEAL) TIMOTHY A KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK HANCOCK COUNTY. MISSISSIPPI BY: Pamela Cuevas D C 02/27, 03/06; 03/13/03 Timothy Kellar Clerk of Court BY, L. Scarborough Deputy Clerk 02/20, 02/27; 03/06/03

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MARY CLARE CASE SKAGGS, DECEASED

MARY CLARE CASE SKAGGS, DECEASED NO. 2003-148
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 25th day of February , 2003, by the Chancery Court Of Hancock Courty, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Mary Clare Case Skaggs, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for county and courtering according to law within probate and registering according to law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This notice, or they will be torever barred.

This 25th day of February, 2003

HIRAM M. SKAGGS, Administrator

Of Estate of Mary Clare Case

Skaggs, Deceased

FAVRE, GENIN & SCAFIDE

Attorneys at Law. Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 70 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 02/27, 03/06, 03/13/03

#### **Public Notices**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARJORIE KAY WILLIAMS, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO, 220-810

CAUSE NO. 220-610

Letters of Administration having 5-een granted on the 30th day of December, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of Marjorie Kay Williams, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the clerk of this court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred. This the 25th of February, 2003. This the 25th of February, 2003. SIGNED: VERNON O. WILLIAMS.

William W. Dreher, Jr. William W. Dreher, Jr.
Dreher Law Firm
P.O. Box 968
2224-24th Avenue
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502
Tel. 228-822-2222

Fax 228-822-2626 02/27: 03/06: 03/13/03 THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI EQUICREDIT CORP. OF AMERICA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO PLAZA MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. PLAINTIFF

VERSUS
CAROLYN CUEVAS AND
GENE CUEVAS
NO. 2002-882
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Any and all persons having or claiming any right, title or equitable interest in: 22069 Highway 43, Picayune, MS 39466, more particularly described as:
A parcel of land situated in the SE 1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississisppi. and being more fully described as follows.
Commencing at the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississisppi, said point being on the south line of Section 28, thence East along South line of said Section 28 adistance of 757.30 feet to a point on the West

the SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, said point being on the south line of Section 28, thence East along South line of said Section 28 a distance of 757.30 feet to a point on the West margin of Highway 43; said point being the SE comer of property conveyed to Roland Cuevas; thence North 01° 54′ 33″ West along West margin of Highway 43 a distance of 629.57 feet to a point of Beginning, said point being South 01° 54′ 33″ East 400.00 feet from the SE comer property conveyed to Roger Dale Cuevas; thence West 384.56 feet to a point; thence North 01° 54′ 33″ West 340.00 feet for a point; thence East 384.56 feet to a point on the West margin of Highway 43; said point being South 01° 54′ 33″ East 60.00 feet from the SE corner of property conveyed to Roger Dale Cuevas; thence South 01° 54′ 33″ East along the West margin of Highway 43; said point being South 01° 54′ 33″ East along the West margin of Highway 43 a distance of 340 00 feet to the point of beginning. Said Property being one and the same conveyed to Gene Cuevas in that certain Warranty Deed dated August 31, 1999, which appears of record in the Land Deed Record of Hancock County. Mississippi, Book BB196, Page 332.
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Equicredit Corp of America, as successor in interest to Plaza Mortgage Company, Inc., Plaintiff, seeking to correct the legal description due to a Scriverner's error in Deed of Trust filed of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 568 at Page 769, et seq Defendants other than you in this action are Carolyn Cuevas, Gene Cuevas, and any and all persons having or claiming any right, title, or equitable interest in the aforesaid property.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Eric D. Wooten, Esq., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is Allen, Vaughn, Cobb and Hood, P.A. One Hancock Plaza, Post Office Drawer

za, Post Office Drawer 4108, Guilpott, Mrs 39502.
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30)
DAYS AFTER THE FEBRUARY 27, 2003.
WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED.
JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT YOU must also file the original of your response You must also file the original of your response with the clerk of this Court within a reasonable

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 24 day of February, 2003 (SEAL)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN B. LADNER, JR.,

DECEASED

EXECUTRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

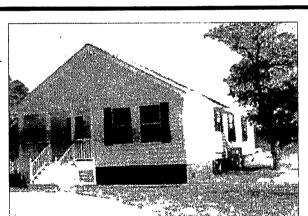
CAUSE NO. 2003-46

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 24th day of January. 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of John B Ladner. Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present sons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 5th day of Feb. A D 2003

BLANCA BETTY HERNANDEZ LADNER

Haas and Haas Attorneys 201 N. Second Street Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 (228) 467-6574 MS Bar No. 5091 02/13, 02/20, 02/27/03



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#### **Public Notices**

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on April 13, 2001, Timothy Williams, and Sarah Buchanan, executed a certain deed of frust to Robe i. R. Patterson, Ir., Trustee for the benefit of MID-SOUTH INVESTMENT CORP.

benefit of MID-SOUTH INVESTMENT CORP., which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 628 at Page 503 and re-recorded in Book 630 at Page 237; and WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., by instrument dated August 27, 2002 and recorded in Book 712 at Page 209 and by instrument dated Fébruary 3, 2003 and recorded in Book 741 at Page 423 of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's office; and WHEREAS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., has heretofore sub-

TRATION SYSTEMS, INC., has heretofore substituted J. Gary Massey as Trustee by instrument dated February 5, 2003 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 741 at

date rebruary 5, 2003 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 741 at Page 425; and'
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and properly in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on March 21, 2003 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of

21, 2003 offer for sale at public outcry and sell writhin legal hours (being between the hours of 11.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m.), at the Main door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 42, Block 5, DIAMONDHEAD, UNIT 7, PHASE 2, a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 4 at Pages 48-50 thereof.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on February 25.

2003 J. Gary Massey SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE Shapiro & Massey. L.L.P 1910 Lakeland Drive. Suite B Jackson. MS 39216 (601) 981-9299 02/27; 03/06: 03/13, 03/20/03

NOTICE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Hancock Mini storage, 5450 Highway 90. Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, will self to the highest bidder for cash the personal property of the below named people An auction shall take place at 9.00 o'clock a m. at Hancock Mini Storage, 5450 Highway 90. Bay St. Louis. Mississippi 39520. on the 6th day of March 2003. March, 2003. Unit# 38- Jessica Smith-6132 E Jones, Bay St. Louis. Ms 39520 Louis, Ms 39520 Unit# 49- Steve Morrison-6198 Oketibbeait, Bay St Louis, Ms 39520 Unit# 59- Sharon Foster-11093 Texas St , Bay St Louis, Ms 39520 02/27/03

PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to the Mardi Gras Holiday, the Bay St. Louis
City Council workshop and meeting scheduled for
Monday. March 3 and Tuesday March 4, 2003 at
rescheduled for Thursday. March 6, 2003 at 5:30
p.m. and Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. The
second meeting of the month will, be held on
Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., preceded
by a workshop on Monday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m.
The City Council workshop and meeting will be
held at the City Hall Annex. 111 Court Street All
interested parties are invited to attend.

PAULA C. FAIRCONNETUE
CLERK OF COUNCIL
02/23; 02/27; 03/02/03

#### **Public Notices**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SOUTH MISSISSIPPI GUN ASSOCIATION, INC. PLAINTIFF

VERSUS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR HANCOCK
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THE SAM WHITFIELD
TIMBER CO., INC; AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

CAUSE NO: 2003-58
SUMMONS (Amended)
TO: All Other Interested Parties
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed
in this Court by South Mississippi Gun Association, Inc. Plaintiff seeking to quiet title to their 120
acres more or less, or in the atternative, to vacate
easements or rights of way not reflected by the
record. Defendants other than you in this action
are Board of Supervisors for Hancock County,
Mississippi and The Sam Whitfield Timber Co.
Inc. The legal description of the land at issue is: Inc. The legal description of the land at issue is: The NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the W 1/2 of the NE ine Nt. 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 34. Township 8 South, Range 16 West. LESS AND EXCEPT that part of sald land heretofore conveyed and being used for cemetry purposes, being a parcel approximately fifty (50) feet on each side and known at the "Cramer Constitution".

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint and disc ery to CHESTER D. NICHOLSON, Attorney Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 162. G. ery to CHESTER D. NICHOLSON, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 162, Guilport, MS 39502.

por, ms 39502. Your response must be mailed or de-YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DE-LIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY. 2003 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIV-ERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COM-PLAINT

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable Issued under my hand and seal of said court on

Tim Kellar, Clerk Hancock County Chancery Court P O Box 550 Bay St Louis, Ms 39520 BY Janet McArthur Deputy Clerk 02/27, 03/06, 03/13/03

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT
AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
Mr. Artie Scholtes has filed an application with
the Department of Marine Resources requesting
permission to conduct regulated activities under
the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection
Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code
of 1972, 1321 Lake Ave. Pascagoula, Jackson
County. Mississision.

of 1972, 1321 Lake Ave, Pascagouia, Jacobic County, Mississippi.
The applicant is requesting permission to dredge a manmade canal approximately 300 feet in length and 50 feet in width from its existing depth of 4 feet below mean low water to a new depth of 6 feet below mean low water Approximately 1,300 cubic yards of material would be removed. The anolicant also proposes to excavate moved The applicant also proposes to excavate an upland area adjacent to the canal, and construct a marina consisting of 6 boat slips. Approximately 102 linear feet of bulkhead will be conimately 102 linear feet of bulkhead will be constructed to replace a failing bulkhead in the vicinity of the project, and 180 linear feet of bulkhead will be placed in the vicinity of the new manna. The proposed project is located on an unnamed canal adjacent to Krebs Lake at 1321 Lake Avenue, Pascagoula In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U S C 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217 the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned.

will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C 1311). Section 302 (33 U.S.C 1312). Section 303 (U.S.C 1313). Section 306 (U.S.C 1316). and

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#### John McDonald REALTY

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2 BEDROOM 1.5 BATH TOWNHOUSE, 1200 Square Ft., Central Air and heat, total electric, new carpet: \$650. LOVELY THREE BEDROOM HOME, 2 full baths, located on a quiet

street. New construction: \$1200.00 PASS CHRISTIAN, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, near Bay: Recently renovated; New carpet. \$800.00.

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT on quiet dead end street. Excellent neighborhood. \$550.00

COMPLETELY RENOVATED 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath home on 3 acres near the beach in Bay St. Louis. \$1100.00 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME over looking Bay/Waveland Yacht

Club. Recently renovated. Hardwood floors. \$750.00 2 BEDROOM HOME new carpet: \$375.00



or (504) 522-6909 Real Estate Sales & Rentals **Since 1928** BEACHFRONT BEAUTY! Come take in the sun from this wonderful 100+ year old 4 bd., 2 ba, home with approx. 2,280 sq.ft. Features 11' ceilings

227 Coleman Ave

(228) 467-5454

NEEDED! \$595,000(4B9) NEAR THE CONVENIENCE of downtown Waveland, within waking distance to the beach, public fishing pier, shopping, city hall, post office, restaurants and more sits this 3 bd. 1 ba. approx., 1,300 sq.ft. teatures high ceilings, formal living room, eat in kitchen, deep fenced yard and

throughout most of this splendid home, french doors, formal living room,

separate master bedroom and plenty of extras includes a separate guest

cottage, beach lot and more! Superior elevation, NO FLOOD INSURANCE

FOUR ROLLING ACRES and this beautiful 1 bd., 2 ba. custom built home all for \$155, 000. Approx. 1,176 sq.ft. of notty pine & bead board walls & ceilings. Natural stone fireplace. Single car garage with guest parking, a storage shed, 2 decks and an extra slab for an RV or trailer. This home is perfect for getting away! \$155, 000 (1B1)

home. Beautiful cabinets, double lot loaded with windows living room overlooking play field. \$79,900 (2B25) WONDERFUL & SPACIOUS 2 bd., 2 1/2 ba. home in an excellent location with great elevation. Located in the center of all, teaturing a hot tub, green-

LOCATE D IN LIGHT COMMERCIAL ZONING, one block to down-

town Coleman Avenue in Waveland is this top notch renovated 2 bd., 1 ba.

as 3rd bedroom with a separate entrance if needed. \$169,000. (2B8) LISTED AT \$69,500! New roof, win-tows, flooring and morel Great starter home, weekened or rental located off Dunbar Ave. 2 Bd., 1 Ba. (enced yardcharming home good area (2B12)

house, shed, carport, eat in kitchen, separate master bd. Den could be used

PRECIOUS ACADIAN style home near downtown Coleman Ave. 3 bd., 2 ba, offers split bedroom plan with great room in the center. Home nestled in a gorgeous naturally wooded lot. Only 2 blocks to the beach. \$124,000

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#### **Public Notices**

Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and approprieta requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Politition Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1.00 p.m. on the day March 21, 2003 day March 21, 2003. 02/27: 03/08: 03/13/03

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM LIEN SALE WHEREAS, Joseph Cassard and Carolyn Keife, are the owners of the following described condominium located in Hancock County, Mississippi.

WHEREAS there presently exists an unpaid where As, under presently exists all singles assessment made against said condominium unit by the Molokai Owners Association, Inc. (formerly known as Diamondhead Condominium Associa-

known as Diamondhead Condominium Association No. 1, Inc.), which is the legally authorized and designated management body of Molokal Village Condominium; and WHEREAS, to secure the payment of said unpaid assessment, the Molokal Owners Association, Inc. caused a Notice of Lien to be filled in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 21st day of January. 2003, said Notice of Lien being recorded in Condominium Lien Record Book No 1, pages 129-131; NOW, THEREFORE.
Public notice is hereby given that 1, the under-

131; NOW, THEHEFORE, Public notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, as attorney for Molokai Owners Association, Inc., in accordance with the provisions of Section 89-9-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, will, on the 11th day of March, 2003 within legal hours, offer for sale and sell to the lichest blokes for sale at the forth door of the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the

within legal hours, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described condominium mit located in Hancock County, Mississippi: Apartment 240, Building J, of the Diamondhead Condominium No. 1, Amended Plat of Fairway 12 Condominium Complex, Lot °C', as recorded in Plat Book No. 4, at pages 46-47, inclusive, and according to the Declaration thereof dated August 14, 1972, and recorded in Deed Book X-8, at pages 7-29, re-recorded on the 15th day of December, 1972, in Book Y-1, at pages 92-115, and amendments thereto dated the 15th day of December, 1972, and recorded in Deed Book Y-1, at pages 116-119, of the Public records on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Together with all of the appurtenances thereof, all according to the said Declaration of Condominium, and including an undivided 1.2 percentage interest, in the common elements of said project as described in said Declaration, including the land hereinabove described, and the building located thereon.

DATED this the 11th day of February, 2003.

JOHN A. SCAFIDE, JR., Attorney For Molokai Owners Association, Inc. 02/13; 02/20; 02/27; 03/06/03

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT

AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND WATER QUALITY CENTIFICATION
Elaine Jones has filed an application with the
Department of Marine Resources requesting
permission to conduct regulated activities under
the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection
Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code
of 1972, at 113 Fairway Drive, Pass Christian,
Hearicon Courty Mississippi Harrison County, Mississippi.

Harrison County, Mississippi.

The applicant is requesting permission to construct a boat slip and a U-shaped pier. The boat slip will be 48 feet in length, 20 feet in width, and 13 feet above mean high tide in height. The U-shaped pier will be 68 feet in total length, 3 feet in width, and 6 feet above mean high tide in height. The combined square footage of the structures is 1.164 square feet. The proposed project is located at 113 Fairway Drive, Pass Christian.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U S C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311). Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312). Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313). Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the stronged regulated activity must

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1.00° p.m. on the day March 24, 2003. 02/27, 03/06: 03/13/03

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

AND WATER QUALITY CENTIFICATION Harrison County Sand Beach Authority has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act. Title 49. Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, along the I-110 Loop on U. S. Highway 90, Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi.

County, Mississippi.

The applicant is requesting permission to con-The applicant is requesting permission to construct a pedestrian pathway and pier 1,360 feet in total length. Approximately 880 feet of the pathway will be a pile supported pier over water. The structure will be 10 feet in width and 7 feet above mean high tide in height. The combined square foolage of the structure is 13,600 square feet. The proposed project is located along the south side of the I-110 Loop on U. S. Highway 90.

Biloxi In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollu-tion Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of

the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Manne Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10365, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1 00 p.m. on the day March 7, 2003 March 7, 2003 02/13; 02/20; 02/27/03

#### SOUTHERN REGIONAL WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR WASTEWATER ENGINEERING SERVICE

The Southern Regional Wastewater Management District (SRWMD) of Hancock, Mississippi requests Statements of Qualifications (SQQ) from qualified engineering firms and individuals for professional engineering services related to a 201 Facility Plan update and a Environmental Information Document (EID) update which will be 201 Facility Plan update and a Environmental information Document (EID) update which will be used by the SRWMD as a long term planning guide for providing wastewater treatment services for southern Hancock County These services will involve providing the professional engineering services required to.

A review the current 201 Facility Plan and EID;

B review Hydraulic and Treatment Capacity.

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C. update 201 Facility Plan and EID, D. submit all documentation to ne

and state agencies for approval
Those desiring consideration should submit
SOOs by the time and date stated and should include the following

1 Qualifications: List of qualifications of each staff members to be assigned to the project

2 Experience: Information regarding experience of the firm on similar projects and the types of

Capacity for Performance Identify the member and title of staff members available to be assigned to the project and capacity to perform the work.

the work. 4. Familiarity: Knowledge of the type of problems

applicable to the project. Special attention will be given those firms with regional wastewater development, permitting and

design experience Final award will be made to the most responsive Final award will be made to the most responsive firm or individual whose SOQ is determined to be most advantageous to the District. Five (5) copies of each SOQ should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Statement of Qualifications for Wastewater Engineering Services" and submitted to the Southern Regional Wastewater Management District. P.O. Drawer 110, Waveland, MS 39576-0110 no later than 10:00 o'clock A.M., local time March 5, 2003. The District reserves the right to reject any and all SOQs. all SOQs. 02/20, 02/23; 02/27/03

#### SOUTHERN REGIONAL WASTEWATER

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MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR
STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR
WASTEWATER ENGINEERING SERVICES
The Southern Regional Wastewater Management
District (SRWMD) of Hancock, Mississippi
requests Statements of Qualifications (SOC,
from qualified engineering services related to for professional engineering services related to the design and preparation of detailed plans and specifications, administration of construction conthe design and preparation or detailed plans and specifications, affinishtation of construction contract(s) and resident project representation during the construction of additional Aerobic Digesters to handle current and huture sludge production at the plant site in Waveland, Mississippi. These services will involve providing the professional explined in services equilities to:

sional engineering services required to:
A. design and prepare detailed plans and specifi-cations for the additional Aerobic Digesters;
B. coordinate with all necessary local and state

agencies;
C. handle the bidding phase of the project and make recommendations on awarding of construc-

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#### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, on the 20th day of October, 2000,
Michael Barnes and wife, Shirtey Barnes, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto
Lewie G Negrotto IV, Trustee for Franklin American can Mortgage Company. Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book

Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 608 at Page 464, and WHEREAS, on the 20th day of October, 2000. Franklin American Mortgage Company, assigned said Deed of Trust unto Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 660 at

Page 734; and WHEREAS on the 13th day of January, 2003, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C Morns, III, as Trustee in said eed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the ice of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book

Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 736 at Page 558; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 7th day of March, 2003. I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courtbourge at Ray, St. Louis Mississipping for Sell, at the Main Hori door in the Harlock Country Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following descri-bed land and property situated in Hancock Coun-ty, Mississippi, to-wit. Lots 32 and 33, Pine Ridge Subdivision, Third

ty, Mississippi, to-wit.

Lots 32 and 33, Pine Ridge Subdivision, Third Ward, Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said subdivision filed in the office of the clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 6th day of February, 2003. JOHN C. MORRIS, III

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE 2309 OLIVER RD MONROE, LA 71201 318-330-9020 F02-9035 02/13, 02/20; 02/27, 03/06/03

#### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on the 22nd day of December, 1999 Donna P Billingsley, an unmarried person, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto cuted and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Everett L. Anschutz, Jr., Trustee for Plaza Mortgage Company, Inc., Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 577 at Page 787: and WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to The Bank of New York, acting solely in its capacity as Trustee for EQCC Trust 2001-1F, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid

ty as Trustee for EQCC Trust 2001-1F, by instru-ment recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 735 at Page 192; and WHEREAS on the 8th day of January, 2003, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, Ill, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 735 at Page 196; and

735 at Page 196; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 28th day of February, 2003, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit Lot 5, Spanish Cove Subdivision, Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat on file in Plat Book 5, Page 28, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississi-ppi I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

Substitute Frustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 1st day of

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE **MONROE, LA 71201** 

02/06; 02/13; 02/20, 02/27/03

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
WHEREAS, on July 1, 1999, Barry T Bracy and
wile, Lisa B. Bracy, executed a deed of trust to
John A. Scafide, Jr, Trustee, to secure an
indebtedness therein mentioned to AnnaJay's
Investments, Inc., a Mississippi corporation,
which deed of trust is recorded in the office of the
Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County,
Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 558, pages
307,309 and

307-309; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the said AnnaJay's Investments, Inc., the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said and and property in accordance with the terms of land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's

sums due thereunder, logether with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expenses of sale, NOW THEREFORE, I, John A Scalide, Jr. Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 18th day of March, 2003, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, and will sell within legal hours (being between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, the view of the county of the county

cock County, Mississippi, to-wit. Lot 67, Block 6, OAK HARBOR, Section 1, Han-Lot 67, Block 6, OAK HAHBOH, Section 1, Han-cock County, Mississipp, as per map or plat on file and of record in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, dated August 17, 1964, and recorded in Plat Book 3, at pages 17-20 I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

Trustee ADVERTISED, POSTED AND DATED this, the 20th day of February, A D., 2003 John A Scafide, Jr Trustee 02/20; 02/27, 03/06, 03/13/03

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
WHEREAS, on September 7, 1994, Dwight L
Perria and Valerie M. Perria executed a deed of

Perna and Valerie M. Perna executed a deed of trust to John L. Genin. Trustee. to secure an indebtedness therein mentioned to AnnaJay's Investments, Inc., a Mississippi corporation, which deed of trust is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County. Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 417. pages 490-492; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the said AnnaJay's Investments, Inc., the legal holder of with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the said AnnaJay's Investments, Inc., the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expenses of sale; NOW THEREFORE, I, John L. Genin, Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 18th day of March, 2003 offer for sale at public outcry to the highest

2003, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, and will sell within legal hours (being between 11:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.) at the front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, the following described property situated in Hancock County.

Mississippi, to-wit: Lot 23, Block 6, OAK HARBOR, Section I, Han-Lot 23, Block 6, OAK HARBOR, Section I, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat on
file and of record in the office of the Clerk of the
Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi,
dated August 17, 1 964, and recorded in Plat
Book 3, at pages 17-20.
I will convey only such title as is vested in me as
Trustee. ADVERTISED, POSTED AND DATED
this, the 20th day of February, A. D., 2003.
John L. Genin, Trustee
(2/20: 02/27: 03/06: 03/13/03

John L. Genin, Trustee 02/20; 02/27; 03/06; 03/13/03

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S HOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, there was executed by JEFFREY C.
BROWNSBERGER, a single man, unto
AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE, INC.,
BENEFICIARY, SUSAN R. COX, ADO, Trustee,
STATE DOOR of Trust clated, January 23, 2002.

BENEFICIARY, SUSAN R. COX, ADO, Trustee, a certain Deed of Trust, dated January 23, 2002, and recorded in Book 674, Page 788 of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust of Hancock County, Mississippi, which said instrument conveys the following described real property, situated in the County of Hancock State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit.

Lot 12. Block 637. Unit 6, Addition 4, Shoreline Park Subdivision. Hancock County, Mississippi, as per Plat of said Subdivision of record in the Office of the Chancery Clark of Hancock County. fice of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County

WHEREAS, AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE. WHEHEAS AMERICAN GENERAL FINANC INC. appointed DOUGLAS L TYNES, Substituted Trustee, in said Deed of Trust, in place and stead of SUSAN R. COX, ADO, ointment of Substituted Trustee, dated uary 23,2003, recorded in Book 738, Page 585 of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust Records of Hancock County, Mississippi:

and.
WHEREAS, default having been made and still
continuing in the payment of said indebtedness,
as and when due, and the holder and owner of
the Deed of Trust and Note securing same,
AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE. INC, has
requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to
foreclose said Deed of Trust, as provided therin,
in the event of default, for the purpose of raising
the sum so secured and unpaid, together with the
expenses of selling same, including Trustee's
and Attorney's fees.
NOW THEREFORE I DOUGLAS L TYNES.

NOW. THEREFORE, I, DOUGLAS L. TYNES. NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOUGLAS L. TYNES, Substituted Trustee under the provisions of and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in the same Deed of Trust, will, on the 14th day of March, 2003, within the legal hours at the Man Front Door of the Hancock County Courthouse, in the City of Bay St Louis, Hancock County, Hancock County, Courthouse, and the City of Bay St Louis, Hancock County. Mississippi, offer for sale and sell said property at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder

undersigned Substituted Trustee will convey nie universigned substituted Trustee will convey only such title as is vested in him by virtue of the above described Deed of Trust and Appointment of Substituted Trustee WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 13th day of February A D., 2003

DOUGLAS L TYNES Substituted Trustee 02/20 02/27, 03/06: 03/13/03

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on October 7, 1999, Ina Lee Lind
Bryant, executed a Deed of Trust to Lem Adams,
Ill. Trustee for the use and benefit of Nations
Mortgage of LA Inc., A Louisiana Corporation,
which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 572 at Page

WHEREAS said Deed of Trust was ultimately WHEHEAS, said Deed of Trust was unimately assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, FKA Norwest Bank Minnesota. National Association, as Trustee, for the registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 1999-C, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1000 C by assetspend on the and of second in 1999-C. by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 740 at Page 482

thereof; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the per-WHEREAS, default having been made in the per-formance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by seid Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer fcr sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highand will sell at public sale and outcry to the high est and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North 1 and door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Missis-sippi, on the 21st day of March, 2003, the follow-ing described and and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mis-

sissippi, to-wit Beginning at a stake 264 degrees East of the Northwest comer of the Southeast one quarter of the Northwest comer of the Southeast one quarter of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 15 West, thence run South 665 feet to a stake; thence run North 665 feet to a stake; thence run Wost 132 feet to the Point of Beginning Said land containing two (2) acres, more or less, and being part of the Southeast one quarter of Northeast one quarter of Northeast one quarter of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 15 West; Hancock County, Mississippi.

issippi Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is ested in me as Trustee WITNESS my signature, on this the 18th day of February, 2003 ebruary, 2003 EM ADAMS, III

TRUSTEE PREPARED BY: ADAMS & EDENS POST OFFICE BOX 400 BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI 39043 (601) 825-9508 02/27: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20/03

#### TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF MIS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, on the 25th day of September, 2000.
John Carter and Ruth Ann Carter. As Joint Tenants with Full Right of Survivorship and Not as Tenants in Common, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Jay Morris Morris, McCalla, Trustee for Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Beneficiary, to secure an indebted-ness therein described, which Deed of Trust is ecorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 605 at

recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 605 at Page 422; and WHEREAS, on the 27th day of October, 2000. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation. assigned said Deed of Trust unto Citibank N A As Trustee, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 736 at Page 057, and

of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 736 at Page 057, and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 28th day of February, 2003, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bridger, the following for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit LOT 47, BLOCK 6, UNIT 11, DIAMONDHEAD, PHASE 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 64 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI will only conjuey such title as is vested in me as

will only convey such title as is vested in me as Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 31st day of

January, 2003 JOHN C MORRIS, III. TRUSTEE 2309 OLIVER ROAD MONROE, LA 71201

318-330-9020 02/06; 02/13, 02/20, 02/27/03

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

#### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS on the 21st day of October. 1999. William K Clendenon, Patricia L Clendenon, husband and wife, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Jeff Surratt, Trustee for Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 572 at Page 209; and WHEREAS on the 12th day of July, 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Châncery Clerk in Book 706 at Page 37 and

706 at Page 3 and re-recorded in Book 707 at Page 473, and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 21st day of March, 2003, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for saie and will sell, at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land

to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Missisand property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit
LOT 15 AND 16, BLOCK 9, OAK HARBOR SUBDIVISION, AS PER THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF
SAID SUBDIVISION ON FILE AND OF RECORD
IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE
CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 32, PAGES 17-20
PARCEL ID. 185P1-20-102.00
will only convey eight title as is vested in me as

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 19th day of

WITNESS MY SIGNATU February, 2003. JOHN C. MORRIS, III SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE 2309 OLIVER RD MONROE, LA 71201 318-330-9020 E02-2998

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S
SALE OF LAND
WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust recorded in Deed
of Trust Book 504 at Page 528; Deed of Trust
recorded in Deed of Trust Book 504 at Page 535;
Deed of Trust recorded in Deed of Trust Book
504 at Page 542; and Deed of Trust Book
504 at Page 542; and Deed of Trust Book
504 at Page 540
all of which were dated January 29, 1998 and
recorded in Deed of Trust records of the
Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County,
Mississippi, Gary E. Crowley as agent and attorney in fact for Edwin John Crowley and Gary E.
Crowley as agent and attorney in fact for Cecile
L. Bonneval Crowley conveyed certain property
therein described, in trust to David Necalse, to
secure payment of a certain indebtedness to First secure payment of a certain indebtedness to First National Bank of Commerce, and

WHEREAS, said Deeds of Trust provide that the whichers, so because it has provide that the holder of the indebtedness may at any time remove the Trustee named in the Deeds of Trust and may appoint his successor by an instrument in writing; and WHEREAS, BANK ONE, NA is the successor to BANK ONE LOUISIANA, N.A., and FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE and is now

the holder and owner of said Deeds of Trust and Promissory Notes secured thereby, and WHEREAS, Bank One, NA successor to Bank WHEREAS, Bank One, NA successor to Bank One Louisianath N.A. appointed and substituted David A. Wheeler as Substituted Trustee in place and stead of David Necalse by Substitution of Trustee as was their right to do under the terms of said Deeds of Trust. Said Substitution of Trustee being dated June 25, 2002, filed for record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County. Mississippi, on the 2nd day of July, 2002, at 8:01 a.m. and recorded in Deed of Trust Book 700 at Pane 519; ard

at 8:01 a.m. and recorded in Deed of Trust Book 700 at Page 519; and, WHEREAS, Gary Edwin Crowley filed his petition under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on October 1, 2002 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in Cause #02-17161JAB and an Order Lifting Automatic Stay was entered by said Court on January 22, 2003, and, WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the said Deeds of Trust and the entire debt secured having been dis-

and the entire debt secured having been dis-closed due and payable in accordance of the terms of said Deeds of Trust, and the legal holder terms of said Deeds of Trust, and the legal notider of said indebtedness, Bank One, NA successor to Bank One Louisiana, NA, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deeds of Trust text the way and the same due thereup. for the purpose of raising the sums due thereun-der together with attorney's fees and expenses of

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Substitut-NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Substituted Trustee, pursuant to such authority and the request so made does hereby give notice that he will sell during the legal hours (between the hours of 1100 a.m. and 4 00 p m.) on the 28th day of February. 2003, at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property being located and situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described. issippi, and being more particularly descri

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A tract of land described as beginning at the Northeast comer of Lot 3, Block 2, of Anchorage Subdivision, in the Third Ward of the Town of Waveland; thence South 50 degrees 33' West 593 feet; thence South 39 degrees 27' East 338.67 feet to the Northwest line of Front Street; these Methopsterk lang send line of send street. thence Northeasterly along said line of said stree 59.6 feet; thence North 39 degrees 27' West to the place of beginning. Said land embraces all of Lot 3 and a part of Lot 4 of Block 2 of Anchorage Subdivision in the Third Ward of the Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi Lot 3 and the Northeastern 9.725 feet of Lot 4 of

Lot 3 and the Normeastern 9.725 test or Lot 4 or Block 1 of said Anchorage Subdivision (or whatever may remain of said lots since the construction of the present road and seawall across same, together with all the nparian or littoral rights unto said property belonging or appertain

ing.
Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 4th day of

DAVID A. WHEELER, SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE 02/06; 02/13; 02/20; 02/27/03

#### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of June, 2001, Kent Dean Fischer, A Married Man and Wife, Marrie Louise Fischer, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto David M. Necaise, Trustee for North Texas Financial Network, Inc., Beneficiary to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 637 at Page 317; and

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of June, 2001, North Texas Financial Network, Inc., assigned said Deed of Trust unto Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 637 at Page 396; and

596; and WHEREAS on the 19th day of November. 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the atoresaid Chancery Clerk in Book 130 at Page 456 and

/39 at Page 465, and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 14th day of March, 2003, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, the property situated in Hancock County Mississippi, the property situated in Hancock Count

sissippi, to-wit:
Lot 9, Square 818. Shoreline Park Subdivision;
Unit No 8, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per
the official map or plat of said subdivision on file
and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk
of Hancock County, Mississippi
I will only convey such title as is vested in me as
Substitute Trustee
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 11th day of
February 2003

February, 2003 JOHN C. MORRIS, III SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE 2309 OLIVER BOAD MONROE, LA 71201 318-330-9020

02/20; 02/27, 03/06, 03/13/03

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK WHEREAS, on the 1st day of December, 1995, Donald Eldndge Fredrickson and Roberta Jean Fredrickson, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Ralph Young, Trustee for Equitrust Mortgage Corporation, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County. Mississippi in Book 443 at Page 459, and Chancery Clerk of Hancock County. Mississippi in Book 443 at Page 459, and WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of November, 1999, Donald E. Fredrickson: (with Roger A Fredrick-son acting with General Power of Attorney for Donald E. Fredrickson, given on August 20, 1999) and Roberta J. Fredrickson, sold the propconveying said indebtedness unto Lonnie out, by instrument recorded in the office of

haydon, by instituted records an income the aloresaid Chancery Clerk in Book 249 at Page 685; and WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, by instrument recorded in the office of the aloresaid Chancery Clerk in Book 700 at Page 488; and WHEREAS on the 27th day of June 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C Morris III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aloresaid Chancery Clerk in Book 700 at Page 490, and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to d Chancery Clerk in Book 249 at

of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 14th day of March, 2003, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the Main front door of the Hancock County sen, at the want front door of the Hancock Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest bidder, the following describ and property situated in Hancock County,

sippi, to-wil:
Lots 25 and 26, Block "D". JOURDAN RIVER
ISLES SUBDIVISION, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat thereof on file and of
record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 12th day of February, 2003.
JOHN C. MORRIS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
2309 OLIVER RD

MONROE, LA 71201 02/20; 02/27: 03/06: 03/13/03

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK WHEREAS, on the 7th day of February, 2000, Brandy Dawn Guichet and Husband Cráig Michael Guichet, as estate in the entirety with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Doug E. Flavin, Trustee for Advanta National Bank, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of edness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 582 at Page 475; and WHEREAS, on the 25th day of November, 2002, Advanta National Bank, assigned said Deed of

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of November, 2002, Advanta National Bank, assigned said Deed of Trust unto Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as custodian or trustee, FKA Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 730 at Page 483; and WHEREAS on the 6th day of December, 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 730 at Page 488; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to Trust, having requested the undersigned so to

said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 28th day of February, 2003, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County. Mississipoi, to-wit:

described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
Lots 13 and 14, Block 1, Gulf-side Association's Subdivision of Lot No. 175 of the Third Ward of the Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 28th day of January 2003

January, 2003. JOHN C. MORRIS, III SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE 2309 OLIVER ROAD MONROE, LA 71201

318-330-9020 02/06: 02/13, 02/20: 02/27/03

NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, the United States of America, acting
by and through the United States Department of
Agriculture, is the owner and holder of the
following real estate deed(s) of trust, securing an ness therein mentioned and co certain real estate hereinafter described locate in Hancock County, Mississippi, said deed(s) of in Hancock County, Mississippi, said deed(s) of trust being duly recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk in and for said County and State GRANTORS Raymond E. Smith DATE EXECUTED June 23, 1977 TRUST DEED BOOK 201 PAGE 522 It appears that the above described Deed of Trust covers an undivided one half (1/2) interest in the property described therein

in the property described therein WHEREAS, default has occurred in the pays of the indebtedness secured by said deed(s) of trust, and the United States of America, as Beneficiary, has authorized and instructed me as Substitute Trustee to foreclose said deed(s) of trust by advertisement and sale at public auction in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor.

pursuant to the power of sale contained in said deed(s) of trust and in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor, the said deed(s) of trust will be foreclosed and the y covered thereby and hereinafter ed will be sold at public auction to the described will be solo at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the North front door of the County Courthouse in the city of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in the aforesaid County and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM) on March 3, 2003 to satisfy the indebtedness now the under 2003, to satisfy the indebtedness now due under and secured by said deed(s) of trust. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

The premises to be sold are described as: (SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION) ebruary 6, 2003 Date
Carol M. Cowart
Substitute Trustee
Duly authorized to act in the ises by instrument dated

August 21, 1996, and recorded in Book 1, Page 7, of the records of Book 1, Page 7, of the records of the aforesaid County and State. Lot 159, Third Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said City made by E. S. Drake, C. E., and on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. 02/06; 02/13; 02/20; 02/27/03

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SAL

Morigage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. which deed of trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 814 at Page 738 in the office of the Charcery Clerk of the County of Hancock, State of

Mississippi; and
WHEREAS, the aforesaid, "MERS" Mortgage WHEREAS, the aforesaid, "MERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. the holder of said deed of frust and the note secured thereby, substituted John C. Underwood, Jr. as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, bystrument dated December 27, 2002 and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 737 at Page 106; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the certific debt secured thereby having been de-

terms and conditions of sald deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been de-clared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, "MERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., having re-quested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereun-der, together with attorney's less, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale;

Trustee's fees and expense of sale; NOW, THEREFORE, I, John C. Underwood, Jr Substituted Trustee, in said deed of trust, will on the 11th day of March, 2003, offer for sale at pub-lic outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main front door 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main front coor of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 2, VALPINE SUBDIVISION, near Second

Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County Mississippi, together with all and singular the mississippi, together with all and singular the nights, privileges, improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining, as per the official plat of said subdivision recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6, page 12.

Book 6, page 12.

Being the same property acquired from Mary V.

write of and Thomas P. Clarke dated December 1
1995 and registered in Book BB 129 Page 632 of
the records of Hancock County.

THIS ACT IS MADE EXECUTED AND ACCEPT-ED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING ED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING Restrictions at Book AA51/39. Fifteen (15) foot servifude across front, restrictions, rights of way, easements and setback lines as per the plan of subdivision. I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 31st day of January 2003.

January, 2003

John C Underwood, Jr SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE Control #02111665 02/13; 02/20, 02/27, 03/06/03

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on May 17, 1999, Julius V Luciano and wife, Rose M. Luciano, executed a Deed of Trust to Barbara Zirilli, Trustee for the use and benefit of GMAC Mortgage Corporation, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancey Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 552 at Page 747 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of

WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lem Adams, III, as Trustee therein, as authonzed by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 737 at Page 583, thereof, and WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by eard Deed of Trust and having been set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams. III, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 21st day of March. 2003, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County,

said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County. State of Mississippi, to-wit: Lots 19, 20, and 21, Block 43, Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's Subdivision of part of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's First Addition to the City of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, as per the official plat of said subdivision made by Leland J. Henderson Said subdivision made by Learn 3. Inercessin, Surveyor, dated April 27, 1897, and on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

#### **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** (FORMERLY FmHa)

#### INVESTMENT PROPERTY (FORECLOSURE SALE)

The following property will be sold for cash At public auction to the highest bidder on March 3, 2003, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

575 Easterbrook Street Bay St. Louis, MS (2bedrooms, 1 bath, Brick Veneer)

The sale will be held at the North door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the city of Bay St. Louis, MS. For complete legal description and details of the sale, please refer to the legal section of this newspaper.

For more information, please contact Carol M. Cowart, Community Development Manager at (228) 831-0881, Ext. 4 or 12238 Ashley Dr., Gulfport, MS 39503



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#### INVESTMENT PROPERTY (FORECLOSURE SALE)

DEVELOPMENT

(FORMERLY FmHa)

The following property will be sold for cash At public auction to the highest bidder on March 3, 2003, commencing at 11:30 a.m.

221 Sycamore Street Bay St. Louis MS (3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths--brick veneer

The sale will be held at the North door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the city of Bay St. Louis, MS. For complete legal description and details of the sale, please refer to the legal section of this newspaper.

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WITHESS my eignature, on this the 19th day of February, 2003.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
PREPARED BY: ADAMS & EDENS

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS: of June 23, 2000. kIM C. MANGERCHINE' executed a Deed of Trust to Herry F. Laird. Trustee, for the benefit of The Peoples Bank Blook Mississippl, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 595 at Pages 85 at seq. of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Land in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippl; and

Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippli; and WHEREAS, on February 3, 2002. The Peoples Bank, Biloxi, Mississippl, holder of the aforesaid Deed of Triyst, executed an Appointment of Substitute Trustee, substituting Lyfe M. Page as Trustee in the place and stead of Henry F. Laird, which appointment is recorded in Book 740, at Page 376, of the aforesaid Records; and WHEREAS, on January 27, 2003, Judge Jerry A. Frown of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern. District of Louislana, in Cause No. 02-14882, Section "B" signed an Order terminating the Automatic Stay of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, so as to allow the Beneficiary to pursue its rightful remedies as to the subject property.

to pursue as riginiur remedies as to the subject property... WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust in favor of The Peoples Bank, Biloxi, Mississippi, and the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust having requested the Substitute Trustee to sell the subject property, I will, on the 7th day of March, 2003, offer for sale and sell at public outcry, during legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the main front door of the Courty Courthouse of Hancock the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described property presently owned by KIM C. MANGER-CHINE lying and being situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Parcel No.: 137H-045-101.001
Lots 10 and 11, and the East 2.00 feet of Lot 12, all in Block 2, Toulme Subdivision, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

thereof on tile and of record in the Office of the Chancary Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title vested in me pursuant to the Deed of Trust referred to above.

SIGNED, POSTED AND ADVERTISED this 10th day of February, 2003.

LYLE M. PAGE, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

02/13: 02/20: 02/27: 03/06/03

02/13; 02/20; 02/27; 03/06/03

#### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

COUNTY OF Hancock WHEREAS, on the 26th day of November, 1997. WHEREAS, on the 26th day of November, 1997. Becki Martin, a single person, L. Michael Caraway, a single person, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Charles M. Jackson, Jr., Trustee for North American Mortgage Company, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 498 at Page 724; and

Page 724; and WHEREAS, on the 18th day of June, 1998, Becki Lynn Martin, sold the property, conveying said indebtedness unto Lee Michael Caraway, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforeinstrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 183 at Page 554; and WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, trustee for securitization series 1998-1, agreement dated 3-01-98, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 740 at Page 597; and

the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in book 740 at Page 597; and WHEREAS on the 5th day of February, 2003, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 740 at Page 603; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the savments of the indebtedness secured by the

payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 21st day of March, 2003, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to the said of the county of the said of the

sippi, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 38, of Block 61 of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improve-ment Company's Subdivision; thence North 4 de-grees 56 minutes East a distance of 120 feet on the line between the aforesaid Lot 38 and Lot 37: thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes West a distance of 132.43 feet to a stake set on West a distance of 132.43 feet to a stake set on the West line of Lot 42 of the above mentioned Block 61; thence South 4 degrees 56 minutes West along the line between Lots 42 and 43 a distance of 120 feet to a corner fence post; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes East a distance of 132.43 feet to the place of beginning. Said land being part of Lots 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42, Block 61, Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Comments Subtlement of Lots 18, and 18 pays. 42, Block 61, Bay St. Louis Land an improve-ment Company's Subdivision of part of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's First Addition to the City of Bay St. Louis and Wave-land, as per the official plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock

County, Mississippi.
I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 23rd day of

February, 2003. JOHN C. MORRIS, III SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE 2309 OLIVER RD. MONROE, LA 71201 318-330-9020

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on May 17, 2001, Harold J Martinez and Teresa B. Martinez executed a Deed of Trust to Ms. Kellye Piro of First American Title Insurance Company as Trustee for the benefit of First Union National Bank of Delaware, which Deed of Trust was recorded in Book 634, Page 061 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi: and

Mississippi; and WHEREAS, on or about April 1, 2002 First Union National Bank of Delaware, Charter Nr. 22559, changed to Wachovia Bank of Delaware, Nation-

al Association; and WHEREAS, Wachovia Bank of Delaware, Natio al Association, t/k/a First Union National Bank of Delaware, the holder of said Deed of Trust and the Note secured thereby, substituted Nicholas M. Haas as Trustee therein, as authorized by the M. Haas as Irustee therein, as aumonized by the terms thereof, as evidenced by an instrument dated December 24, 2003 and recorded in Book 741, Page 502 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and

the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Wachovia Bank of Delaware, National Association, t/k/a First Union Delaware, National Association, IMA First Union National Bank of Delaware, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's

fees and expenses of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicholas M. Haas, Sub-Trustee will on March 14, 2003, offer for stitute Trustee, will on March 14, 2003, oner lot sale at 'public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the main front door the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St Louis, Mississippi, the tollowing-described prop-

Lot 16, Block 20, Unit 10, Diamondhead, Phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4 at Pages 60-63, inclusive, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County.

Mississippi.
Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such little as vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS my signature on this the 14th day of February, 2003.
Nicholas M. Haas

Substitute Indisee
624 Highway 90
Waveland, Mississippi 39576
Telephone No. (228) 467-3935
THIS DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:
DYKE, HENRY, GOLDSHOLL & WINZERLING, 555 Plaza West - 415 North McKinley

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belonging.
I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2000, Joseph E. Smith, Sr. and Treva June Smith, executed a Deed of Trust to David M. Necaise, Trustee, to secure an

of sale;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Scafide, Jr.,
Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on
the 11th day of March, 2003, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, and will
sell within legal hours (being between the hours
of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of
the Courbus at Play S. I Jusis Courbus

the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated and lying in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Square 800, SHORELINE

PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 8, Hancock County

Mississippi.
WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in

Twitte Date Trustee.

DATED this the 11st day of February, 2003.

JOHN A. SCAFIDE, JR.

JOHN A. SCAFIDE Trustee

DATE EXECUTED October 13, 1992
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of the indebtedness secured by said deed(s) of

trust, and the United States of America, as Beneficiary, has authorized and instructed me as

Substitute Trustee to foreclose said deed(s) or trust by advertisement and sale at public success.

THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that

pursuant to the power of sale contained in said deed(s) of trust and in accordance with the

deed(s) of trust and in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor, the said deed(s) of trust will be foreclosed and the property covered thereby and hereinafter described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the North front door of the County Courthouse in the city of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in the aforesaid County and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM) on March 3, 2003, to satisfy the indebtedness now due under

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

Book 1, Page 7, of the records of the aforesaid County and State. LOT E, CHARANDA SUBDIVISION, City of Bay

LOT E, CHARANDA SUBDIVISION, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of, Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 7, Page 36. 02/06; 02/13; 02/20; 02/27/03

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on April 26, 2001, Nikki S. Tingstrom, a single woman, executed a deed of trusto to David M. Necaise, trustee for the benefit of

North Texas Financial Network, Inc., which deed of trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 630 at

Page 797, corrected and re-recorded in Book 717 at Page 764 in the office of the Charles

at Page 764 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was assigned to Bank One, National Association, as Trustee by instrument dated April 26, 2001, and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 655 at Page 79 and re-recorded in Book 727 and 18 page 872. and

Book 727 at Page 697; and WHEREAS, the aforesaid, Bank One, National Association, as Trustee, the holder of said deed

Association, as Trustee, the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted John C. Underwood, Jr., as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated January 23, 2003 and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 739 at Page 545; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having heen

entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance

with the terms of said deed of trust, and the lega

noider of said indebtedness, Bank One, National Association, as Trustee, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trusteets fees and expense of sale:

ee's fees and expense of sale; NOW, THEREFORE, I, John C. Underwood, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John C. Underwood, Jr., Substituted Trustee, in said deed of trust, will on the 25th day of March, 2003, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 A.M and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-witt.

cock, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Lots 21, 22 and 23, Square 56, as per plat of the

Bay St. Louis Land & Improvement Company's Subdivision of part of the Bay St. Louis Land & Improvement Company's First Addition to Bay St. Louis and Waveland, Mississippi, said plat of said subdivision being dated April 27, 1897, and filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County Mississippi.

holder of said indebtedness, Bank One, Nati

ses to be sold are described as

and secured by said deed(s) of trust.

Date Carol M. Cowart

Substitute Trustee
Duly authorized to act in the

premises by instrument dated August 21, 1996, and recorded in

(SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION)

Substituted Trustee 02/13; 02/20; 02/27; 03/06/03

J. Ward Conville, Substituted Trustee 02/20; 02/27; 03/06; 03/13/03

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on October 30, 2000, Dougles K. McGowen, dr. and Angels M. McGowen, sxecuted a certain deed of trust to Joseph Kelly, Trustee for the benefit of Associates Home Equity Services, which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi, in Book 609 at Page 436, and

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and WHEREAS, Chiffmancial Mortgage Company, WHEHEAS, Crimtancial Mortgage Company, Inc., IWA associates Home Equity Services, base iteratolore substituted J. Gary Massey as Trustee by instrument dated April 15, 2002 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Cistric Office in Book 689 at Page 2, and re-recorded in Book 690 at Pages 437 and

689 at Page 2, and re-recorded in Book 690 at Page 547; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of frust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of frust, Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the frust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of frust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substi-NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on March 21, 2003 ofter for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, located at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippl, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippl, Lowit

bed property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wii: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence North 35 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 330 feet to a point; thence West 660 feet to a point; thence South 330 feet to a point; thence East 660 feet to the Point of Beginning; containing 5 acres, more or less, and being part of the SW1/4 of SE1/4, Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

cock County, Mississippi.

ALSO: A non-exclusive 35-toot easement located in the NE1/4 of SetI/4 of Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, being 17.5 feet on either side of the center line described as follows, to-wit:

ine described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the NW corner of the SE1/4 of SE1/4. Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 14
West, Hancock County, Mississippi, and running East 320.8 feet for the place of beginning; thence North 31 degrees 27' East 271.9 feet; thence North 11 degrees 49' East 104.6 feet; thence North 14 degrees 49' East 104.6 feet; thence North 29 degrees 39' East 291.5 feet; thence North 29 degrees 28' East 182.4 feet; thence North 10 degrees 28' East 72.4 feet; thence North 10 degrees 28' East 72.4 feet; thence North 75 degrees 41' West 280.5 feet; thence South 66 degrees 39' West 218.9 feet to and existing graver load.

ALSO: A non-exclusive 30 foot right-of-way along the Eastern margin of the SW1/4 of SE1/4, Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, for road purposes and a utility right-of-way.

INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS: Park

Trust to David M. Necalse, Trustee, to secure an indebtedness therein mentioned to Laurice V. Cox and Maria Doris Cox, or survivor, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 590, page 425 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi; and WHEREAS, Maria Doris Cox substituted John A. Scafide, Jr. in the place and stead of said David M. Necalse named as Trustee in the original Deed of Trust as evidenced by Substitution of Trustee dated November 12, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 724, pages 695-697; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the pages 695-697; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and the said Maria Doris Cox, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said lead and property in accordance with the terms of of the SE1/4, Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi. I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on February 21,

J. Gary Massey SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE Shapiro & Massey, L.L.P. 1910 Lakeland Drive, Suite B Jackson, MS 39216 (601) 981-9299 02/27; 03/06; 03/13; 03/20/03

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on November 5, 2001, Kaimusa
Nichols, executed a Deed of Trust to Lem
Adams, Ill, Trustee for the use and benefit of
Skye Mortgage Group, LLC, which Deed of Trust
is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in
Deed of Trust Book 672 at Page 189 thereof; and
WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately
assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota NA, as
Trustee for Registered Holders of Option One
Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-D, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-D, by assignment on file
and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk
of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 739 at
Page 557 thereof; and

NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, the United States of America, acting
by and through the United States Department of
Agriculture, is the owner and holder of the
following real estate deed(s) of trust, securing an
indebtedness therein mentioned and covering
certain real estate hereinafter described located
in Hancock County, Mississippi, said deed(s) of
trust being duly recorded in the Office of the
Chancery Clerk in and for said County and State:
GRANTORS Rayfield Silvester a/k/a Rayfield
Sylvester and Edna Thurman a/k/a Edna M.
Thurman Page 557 thereof; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the per-WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississuppi, on the 21st day of March, 2003, the following described land and property being the same land and property being the same

Parts of Lots 37 and 39, Rear Third Ward, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, and more fully described as: Commencing at a stake which is the Southeast corner of Lot 39, Rear Third is the Southeast corner of Lot 39, Rear Third Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, as per the official plat by E. S. Drake, C.E., and filed May 1, 1928 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Harrison County, Mississippi, thence North 70 degrees West 681.5 feet to an iron stake; thence North 70 degrees West 100.00 feet as a point of beginning; thence North 20 degrees East 236 feet, more or less to the North line of Lot 32; thence North 70 degrees West 100.00 feet, more or less, along said North line of Lot 32; thence South 20 degrees West 236.00 feet, more or less, to the South line of Lot 39; thence South 70 degrees West 236.00 feet, more or less. to the South line of Lot 39; thence South 70 degrees East 100 00 feet to the point of begin-

Title to the above described property is believed Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS my signature, on this the 17th day of February, 2003
LEM ADAMS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
PREPARED BY. ADAMS & EDENS
Foreclosure Department

Foreclosure Department POST OFFICE BOX 400 BRANDON MISSISSIPPI 39043 02/27: 03/06. 03/13. 03/20/03

#### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, on the 11th day of December, 2001,
Mary Ann Patton, executed and delivered a
certain Deed of Trust unto Craig N. Landrum,
ESQ. Trustee for Aames Funding Corporation
DBA Aames Home Loan, Beneficiary, to secure
an indebtedness therein described, which Deed
of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery
Clerk of Hancock County. Mississippi in Book
671 at Page 474 and 671 at Page 474, and WHEREAS, on the 12th day of December, 2001.

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of December, 2001. Aames Funding Corporation DBA Aames Home Loan, assigned said Deed of Trust unto The Provident Bank, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 739 at Page 60; and WHEREAS on the 20th day of November, 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C Morris. III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 739 at Page 64; and

739 at Page 64; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the

id Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 14th day of March, 2003, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courhouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and consequent with the March County Missis. and property situated in Hancock County, Missis

opi, to-wit: of Thirty-Four (34), Block Thirteen (13), Unit our (4) "A", DIAMONDHEAD, Phase Two (2), a Four (4) "A". DIAMONDHEAD, Phase Iwo (2), a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 4 at Page 30-32 thereof, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 11th day of February, 2003.
JOHN C. MORRIS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
2309 OLIVER RD

MONROE, LA 71201 318-330-9020 02/20; 02/27; 03/06; 03/13/03

> County, Mississtppi.
>
> I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
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> WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18th day of John C. Underwood, Jr. SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE Control #02070901 02/27; 03/06; 03/13; 03/20/03

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on the 14th Day of April, A.D., 2000, Carl W, Saltzman and Gledys E. Saltzman, Hustiand and Write, executed a certain Deed of Trust unto Wilsam F. Jones, trustee, Union Planters Bank National Association, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described which Deed of Trust is recorded in the Office' of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Misslesippi in the Deed of Trust Record Book 586 at Page 95; and WHEREAS, on the 10th of Day of January, A.D., 2003, the Beneficiary appointed J. Ward Conville as Substituted Trustee, which instrument is recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Misslesippi in Deed of Trust Record Book 737 at Page 423; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of a portion of the Indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trustee, will on the 14th Day of March, 2003, within lawfur hours, being between the hours of 11:00 ordock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., offer for sale, and will sell, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the Main Door of the Hancock County Courthouse located in the Cily of Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of

highest bidder for cash, at the Main Door of the Hancock County Courthouse located in the City of Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described real property, situated and being in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows to-wit:
Lots 3-6 and lots 9-12, Block 13, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 2, Hancock County, Missispipi, as per the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, together with all improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

sippi, to-wit:

Commencing at the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of
the NE 1/4 of Section 19. Township 7 South,
Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi;
thence West a distance of 1,319 feet to a point;
thence South 02° 30' West a distance of 235 feet
to a point; thence South 10° 10' East a distance
of 135 feet to a point; thence East a distance 135 feet to a point; thence East a distance of

SUSSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF IMSSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK WHEREAS, on the 17th day of December, 1999, Robert Earl, Whike, jurniarried, exécutêd and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Transcontinental Title, Trustee for The Mortgage Outlet, Inc., a Georgia Corporation, Beneficiary, lo secure an injeditedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 578 at Page 640; and WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was uffirmetly assigned to Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 736 at Page 522; and WHEREAS on the 13th day of December, 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 738 at Page 527; and re-recorded Book 737 at Page 527; and 738 at Page 527; and re-recorded Book 737 at

738 at Page 527; and re-recorded Book 737 at Page 667; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the Indebtedness secured by the sald Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 14th day of March, 2003, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippl, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippl, to wit:

Commencing at the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 19. Trusphip 7. South.

66 feet to an iron stake set on the East right-of-

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way of Highway 503; thence North along the said right-of-way of Highway 603, 73 feet to a point as the place of beginning; thence continuing North 73 feet to a stake; thence East 154 feet to a stake; thence South 72.5 feet to a stake; thence West 150 feet, more of less, to the Eastern right-of-way of Highway 603 and the place of beginning. Said land being part of the SW 174 of the NE 1/4, Section 19, Township 7 South, Range 14 West, Hanceck County, Mississippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 13th day of

February, 2003. JOHN C. MORRIS, III SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE 00-2217 02/20; 02/27; 03/06; 03/13/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY; MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
TIMOTHY D. MURPHY, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 2003-100
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CTATE OF MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK Letters of Administration having been granted on the 11 day of Feb., 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Timothy D. Murphy, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) registration according to law within ninety (90) days front this date, or they will be forever barred. THIS 11 day of Feb., A. D., 2003.

Margaret S. Morris 02/13; 02/20; 02/27/03

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
OREADER RICHARDSON PLAINTIFF

THE HINKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF FORREST ANTENY and ROSA ANTENY and DEFENDANTS

Cause No. 2003-072

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Unknown Heirs at Law of Forrest Anteny and Rosa Anteny af/a Rose Anthony, deceased NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Oreader Richardson, Plaintiff, seeking a Declaration of Heirship.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint of petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 17th day of March, 2003, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the comptaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other

pleading, but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court,
this 3rd day of February, 2003.

Timothy A. Kellar Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS By: Janet McArthur Dated: 2/3/03 02/06, 02/13, 02/20; 02/27/03

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- and much, much more . . .

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#### A message from the publisher

## Welcome home!

elcome to Hancock County, Mississippi! We here at The Sea Coast Echo hope this publication will

be both informational and entertaining for you, whether you're brand new to the county or a native.

We've worked hard to make it a valuable resource for you to keep and use, offering a concise overview of the county, its towns and cities and the tremendous wealth of opportunities awaiting you here.

As you've probably



Echo Publisher/Editor James R. "Randy" Ponder

already discovered, Hancock

County is located on the Gulf of Mexico, near New Orleans, and combines stately antebellum homes and rich traditions of a proud past with the fast-paced life style of a booming resort area featuring casino gam-

Situated between New Orleans and Biloxi, Hancock County offers the best of both worlds: Small town living, with proximity to big city convenience.

Bay St. Louis is the county seat and celebrated its tricentennial in 1999.

The sister city of Waveland is located just a couple of miles down the beach.

And a little to the north, just off Interstate 10, is the resort community of Diamondhead. Other communities in the county include Kiln, Pearlington, Lakeshore, Clermont Harbor, Perkinston, White Cypress, Crane Creek and Necaise Crossing.

The John C. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County has thousands of high-tech employees and houses one of the world's most powerful computer systems.

The U.S. Navy fleet is commanded from there. The engines used in every manned space flight were tested at NASA's facility in Hancock County.

The county's industrial park is home to such wellknown industries as GE Plastics, Calgon Carbon, Wellman Plastics and Lockheed-Martin.

The Sea Coast Echo was founded in 1892 and is the oldest continually operating business in the county.

The newspaper is published Sunday and Thursday; and on Wednesdays, we publish The Gulf Coast Extra, which spotlights cultural events and entertainment venues from here to Biloxi.

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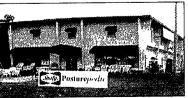
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While Emeril was praising the festive atmosphere of nearby New Orleans, Hancock County knows how to throw a good party of its own – and frequently does, all year long.

From the Krewe of Selene kicking off Mardi Gras celebrations each year to the Waveland Festival of Lights winding up the Christmas season, Hancock County's calendar is full of festivals, traditional celebrations, annual activities and spontaneous events.

At the beginning of each year as the Mardi Gras season approaches, clubs and organizations begin their balls and parade plans. Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Diamondhead, and Pass Christian boast of some of the oldest and most unique festivals along the Coast.

The Krewe of Selene of Diamondhead traditionally kicks off the season with the earliest parade in mid-January. As February rolls around, the Krewe of Kids, Nereids, Diamondhead, St. Paul, and Real People celebrate their way to Fat

Tuesday

Whether March blows in as a lion or a lamb, events center around the approaching spring. Hancock County Chamber of Commerce sponsors an annual Beach Cleanup which involves schools, families, businesses and individuals.

The annual Voices of Hope Peace Festival brings together civic and business leaders with community and government officials to celebrate the benefits and hopes of a peaceful world.

The Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Day Parade grows larger and longer with each passing year.

The Gulf Coast
Pilgrimage celebrated from
Ocean Springs to Waveland,
is expected to bring some
2,000 visitors to Bay St.
Louis.

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club, the Gather Ye Rosebuds Garden Club, and the Diamondhead Garden Club will each host their individual events.

April brings the American Cancer Society's annual Red Beans and Rice Cookoff. This year the cook-off promises to feature the best, most competitive 'bean cookers' in Hancock County. As the weather warms and the evenings still cling to some memory of coolness, the Old Town Merchants Association and the Second Saturday

Artwalk Series begin their scheduled activities.

Highlighting this season's calendar, which features exhibits, street dances and extended shopping hours; will be the annual "A Place of Art" gala, Silent Auction and Art Show.

The Fourth of July couldn't be more packed with activities, and is tailor-made for Gulf Coast enjoyment.

The fall brings on the Diamondhead Arts and Crafts Fair, the International Food Festival and the largest street party we know of -- Cruisin' the Coast. Vintage car buffs and flashbacks from the 1950s linger on every corner.

The Gulf Coast's usually

A group of seniors kicks up its heels at a recent Black History Month celebration at Charles B. Murphy elementary School in Pearlington.

mild winters don't deter the holiday spirit in Hancock County by any stretch of the imagination. The Chamber of Commerce's Red Ribbon Christmas parade kicks off the holiday shopping specials.





The Bo & Miss Dee Band — seemingly seen at almost every Hancock County occasion — perform during the recent Krewe of Selene Mardi Gras parade in Diamondhead.

## Visdom from an 'old timer' newcomer

BY MYRT HAAS

s an old time newcomer, I have my own special memories of my first year in "the Bay." I was brought across the Bay Bridge when it was new by my college sweetheart, Mike Haas. After two years in the service, we returned home with two little ones, Tish (now our Chamber Director!) and Michael, Jr. (my resident attorney!).

Our return was full of excitement and appreciation for home, but I realized that his was not my home. I had left all of my friends and family in Hattiesburg. And, for a mother of two to be without a car or friends, this was tantamount to a prison

But another newcomer, Shirley Schmidt, was my life saver. She also had two children, but SHE had a car AND a housekeeper. She got me out of my house and



Friends and family know these five women as "The Steel Magnolias." Together, these women and their 25 children celebrate years of friendship. Pictured left to right are: Shirley Schmidt of Pass Christian, Julia Ann Caruso of Waveland, Pat Dickinson, Bobbye Ruth Maggio and Myrt Haas of Bay St. Louis

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busy as walking down the street. There are numerous community and social organizations, as well as several garden clubs.

involved in the community. Rather than being envious of her, I was appreciative of a budding friendship that has

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My hardest task was

newcomer. There are many wonderful organizations that offer an opportunity for involvement in your new community to meet new friends. So, this isn't the time to sit back and wait for people to include you in their schedules. Make your own opportunities by finding a group of people involved in the same things you are interested in and VOLUN-TEER. Volunteers are always welcome and you will quickly become a part of this great community and feel at

making new friends. That's

my best suggestion to any

The best advice I ever had was from my mother, "It's not where you are but who you are that determines if you will be happy." In Hancock County, you can

have it all. There are more than 100 social, civic, service and nonprofit organizations in Hancock County. Make a difference. Get involved. For a complete listing of organizations, contact the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, 412 Highway 90, Suite 6, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 or call 228-467-9048 or visit the website at: www.hancockchamber.org.



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## Local tips from a one-time newcomer on successfully moving to Hancock County

hy would a gainfully employed, fairly intelligent lady who had raised four great children who in turn had pro-

duced a passel of grandchildren just pack up and move to a tiny little beach town? Why? Well, why not? That's exactly what I did less than a vear ago.

I just watched the movers pack up a lifetime of accumulated treasures, put the dog in the back seat and headed for the Bay. The following day (with the help of wonderful friends) every thing was unpacked and placed into my beautiful new home. My dog and I had a new home, a new life and retirement. Would I miss my old home, my job, all the things I had left one state

No way, just jump right in and get to know the new place, meet new friends and make a life in this beautiful place. The first and most important thing about moving to the Bay is to . . . slow down – get a Bay Attitude and never look back. Things just move slower here, move like a gentle breeze blowing, move like a Southern drawl, move like a lazy old dog that would rather just sit back and see what comes next.

When you move to this new and wonderful place, you need to start learning how to get to where you want to go and to find out where it is you want to get. Start learning the names of streets and what is on that street. How do you get to that restaurant that someone took you to, what opens early and closes late. What closes at noon on Wednesdays. Find Main Street. That will get you almost anywhere you want to go. Get in your car and just ride around - it's real hard to get lost in Bay Saint Louis. Speak to people you see or wave if you can't stop to speak. Walk on the beach



trail - great place to see great people over and over again. I found a dog groomer by wearing a tee shirt with a picture of the dog on the front. Join something so you get to know people with similar interests or no interests at all (according to what you join). Volunteer where you can not only help but can also meet some interesting

Have plenty of bug spray. That is just part of living on the coast. Keep it in your car so it's handy for those walks and other outdoor events that are so abundant here.

Go to Second Saturday events. That is a terrific way of meeting people, seeing the shops and hearing some good music. Buy from the local merchants.

They will become your friends too.

Subscribe to The Sea Coast Echo. Do it before you move here. Pretty soon you will see the same names appearing over and over.

of the advertisers and shop owners, which grocery stores are available to you, what classes are coming up. Where else can you see first rate movies for \$2?

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will get to know the names

I moved just before my birthday and my thoughtful children gave me a gift certificate to WalMart. I found all those things you discover you need after a move. It was a welcome and thoughtful gift and didn't have to be packed!

There are plenty of good reasons to pack up and move to the Bay. Keep remembering those reasons, keep being grateful for finding such a beautiful place with such interesting people and keep discovering reasons you didn't realize were there. Bay Saint Louis is a delightful little community - I'm glad I found it through my childhood friend who came here as a bride. She has been a gracious hostess who put me up many, many weekends while I house

have been quite so smooth and fun without this dear friend. Thanks, dear ole friend, for introducing me to Bay Saint Louis!

Having a friend to get you started is just such a blessing. If that is not a possibility, just make a new friend and ask all those questions you have about your new hometown.

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#### Be a tourist in your own backyard

#### BY BETH CARRIERE

ississippi's WEST COAST has more to explore and enjoy than you can imagine. Conveniently

located on the beautiful Gulf Coast, 25 miles west of Biloxi and Gulfport, and only 40 miles east of New Orleans, Louisiana, visitors have long made Hancock County a very important part in their travel itinerary.

Whether you are visiting or considering Hancock County as your new home, the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and the Mississippi Welcome Center are great resources to help you get to know this unique destination.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is our queen jewel. This 600 plus acre Casino & Golf Resort offers residents and visitors alike, an excit-



Photographer Ken Murphy has captured both the beauty and majesty of Hancock County by touring and taking photos for My Gulf Coast Home.

ing option in Casino gaming. On site golfing on Arnold Palmer's signature course, The Bridges, is always in the top number of golf rounds recorded and is considered a "Must Play" to all visiting golfers. This resort offers the new full service luxury Bay Tower Hotel, a 200-room Casino Magic Inn, R.V. park, Marina, Casino, area shuttles and many fine restau-

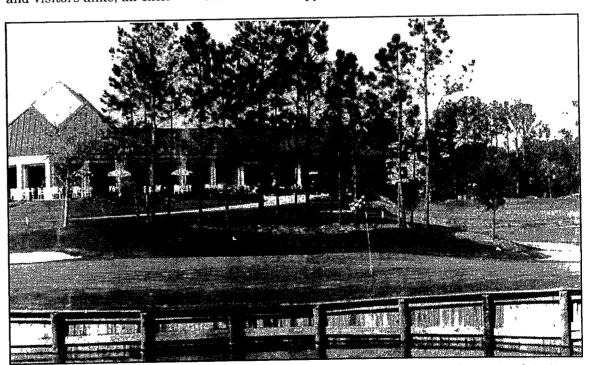
Hancock County is home to NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center, quickly becoming one of the top tourist attractions in the State of Mississippi. NASA's

'StennisSphere" provides interactive exhibits, virtual reality space shuttle experiences, space station walkthrough, a Rocketeria Cafe, Gift shops, Theater and U. S. Navy exhibits, to impress even the most experienced visitor. All tours of this facility originate at the Mississippi State Welcome Center on Interstate 10 at exit 2. This is a MUST visit for all visitors and newcom-

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau is very proud of its efforts to assist in developing one of the best African American Heritage & Cultural Tours in the Southeast. St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis, is a unique attractions that makes this tour product so special.

The Seminary is the first Roman Catholic Seminary in the United States to train and ordain African American young men for the Priesthood and Brotherhood. It was established in 1922 by the Brothers of the Divine Word from Germany.

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The Bridges Clubhouse at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is one of the state's top tourist attractions. The Bridges golf course was designed by the legendary Arnold Palmer, and is a must-visit attraction for duffers.

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## Wear purple and red and see the humor in all

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he Pearls of the MS Sound Chapter of the Red Hat Society was founded in 2002 by Connie Boussom and Jennie Lou Mintz after they decided to quit talking about the red hats and actually formed a chapter.

Boussom; affectionally called Queen Mamma asked Mintz if she would be the Email Female so that members could be informed of upcoming events. Janice Green was dubbed Telephone Tootsie to call women who do not have computers. The Rev. Brenda Kraemer was named Duchess of Dough and collects \$5/year from the mem-

The Pearls have no rules except to wear purple outfits and red hats. There are no meetings, no committees, only disorganization. They



Connie Boussom's portrait of herself, left, and Jennie Lou Mintz.

arrive once a month at a designated place in their outrageous red and purple outfits after Queen Mamma has warned the establishment, "Hey, your going to be invaded by a bunch of wild

and wonderful red hatted ladies." After a little explaining, just what the Red Hat Society is, they have been welcomed with open arms.

The national phenome-

non that is the Red Hat Society embraces fun after 50. It started from a poem by Jenny Joseph titled 'Warning". Its first and most famous two lines speak of the freedom of nonconformity in later years and reads: "When I am an old woman I shall wear purple With a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me.' From those lines have sprung more than 6,000 chapters internationally whose members share the belief that silliness is the comedic relief of life and that "since we are all in it together", reads the society's Web site, "we might as well join red-gloved hands and go for the gusto together..."

The Bay St. Louis chapter was named Pearls by Queen Mamma because she associates her members with pearls, who have grown into something beautiful in spite of what life has thrown at

oyster will produce a pearl? Well, most of us have lived a really long life and have come out really looking like pearls."

Most members are over 50, but younger women under 50 are accepted also. They are the PrinSises who wear lavender clothes and pink hats." They say they want to be like us older women when they grow up. ' Queen Mamma tells them that the older ladies are still growing up and hope they never stop.

"We do not perform services for anyone except ourselves, "Boussom says, "that may sound a little selfish, but we all have done our volunteer work and have served on numerous committees so we have FUN. We see humor in most everything and hopefully we spread joy and happiness through out the community."

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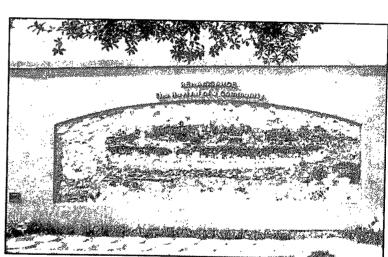
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A mosaic mural designed by artist Elizabeth Veglia adorns the exterior of the Bay St. Louis branch of the Hancock County Library System.

those just moving to the area. Newcomers can obtain family accounts by picking up an application form available at any of the library system's four branches – Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. Kiln Public Library. Pearlington Public Library

or Waveland Library. The completed application form, along with the residency and identification requirements, can be presented at the any of the four branches, and a card can be issued on the

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### The Hancock Chamber Welcomes You

BY MARTHA CLAIRE HAUN, CHAIRMAN Hancock Chamber Welcoming Committee

y recent move with husband Warren Scott and mother Martha Koon brought many challenges including learning the finer points of acquiring a driver's license, finding a physician that accepts new Medicare patients, and even locating help to unload all those boxes. I wanted to help make it easier for newcomers to relocate to this wonderful

In true Southern tradition, when you ask, "Why don't we have a Welcoming Committee for Newcomers?" ... you become the chairman! Enthusiastic about gathering resources and forming a network of newcomers, I invite you to contact me through



Martha Claire Haun

the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Office at 228-467-9048 or email me at Haunl@aol.com with your questions, ideas, and interests.

Hancock County is like a multi-prism kaleidoscope, each rotation of direction produces a new reflection of constantly changing patterns, designs and events to appreciate. It is my desire that fellow newcomers will feel welcome to become an integral part of the community.



John P. Baxter, center, president of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, receives a \$5,000 check recently from Cathy Maddox, EATEL SunShine Pages, marketing and public relations and Trey LeBlanc III, director of business development.. Also pictured from left are Heath Long, Bay Business Consulting, and Tish Williams.

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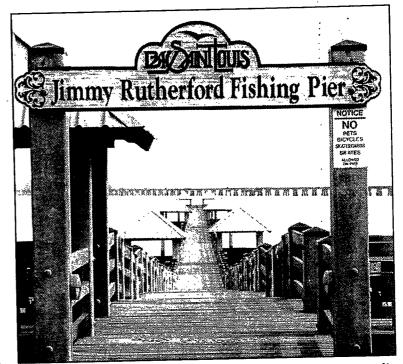
BY VICKI NIOLET

lmost 12 years ago, when I visited Bay St. Louis, the slogan on the brochure said, "Spend a Day in the Bay." My husband and I were captured by the personality of this small town and decided to spend more than a day. We ended up in the heart of Bay St. Louis with a home, a business and a lot of friendly neighbors, all within walking distance of the Beach and the Downtown Historic District known as Old Town.

One of the most unique small towns on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Old Town Bay St. Louis offers tourists and locals alike, a blend of old fashioned charm and contemporary arts in an historic setting right on the water. Overlooking the Bay of St. Louis, you can sit on one of many decks of the local restaurants or lounges and enjoy a cup of coffee, a

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The Jimmy Rutherford Fishing Pier, named for the late city councilman, epitomizes the easy - and scenic - life in the Bay.

seafood delicacy, a cold beer or a dry martini.

The town has become an artist colony, nurturing artists of many different disciplines. Visual and performing artists thrive in this area through the support of galleries, theatre and choral groups, and the newly organized Arts Council of Hancock County.

'Second Saturday" is a big block party to celebrate the artistic community of Bay St. Louis. Participating merchants, galleries, and restaurants welcome everyone into Old Town y ear round, but on the second Saturday of each month from April through December, there are special sales and art openings, hospitality in the shops and entertainment in the streets from 5pm-8pm. Richie Zitzmann chairs the event and can be reached at 228-467-6870.

The shops and restaurants offer a relaxing seaside escape with wonderful art, antiques, and food to enjoy at a leisurely pace. Specialty shops feature home and garden décor, health food, jewelry, vintage clothing and even kayak and bike rentals. The Old Town and Depot District have a little bit of everything. How much fun it is to know that the place we picked to be our home is the same place that many people visit to get away from it all.

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Even the little children get into the act in Bay St. Louis, filling all its celebrations – from Mardi Gras to Our Lady of the Gulf's Crab Festival to New Year's – with art and creativity. Pictured are children masked for last year's Bay-Waveland Head Start Mardi Gras parade.

#### Bay -- spend a lifetime

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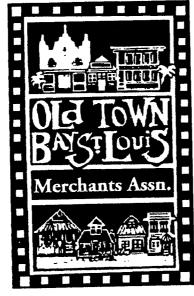
Be sure to pick up one of the Old Town brochures by stopping by the Hancock Chamber, Tourism Bureau or Mississippi Welcome

It lists all of the Old Town Merchants, their addresses and telephone numbers, and it provides a great map to locate everyone including the landmarks, churches and municipal offices.

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Vicki Niolet and her husband Doug own and operate the Lumberyard Art Center located at 299 South Second Street in Bay St. Louis. The Lumberyard is an artist's cooperative featuring work-shop space and classes, studio space, and special art events. For more informa-tion, call 228-467-8318.

Vicki is the President of the Old Town Bay St. Louis Merchants Association. Members meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 8:30am at Court Street Station, located at Court Street and the Beach.

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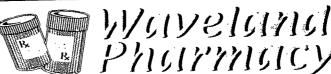
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## Went to Waveland – Did nothing – Loved it

BY KATHY PINN

pon our arrival to Hancock County seven years ago, I knew there was something unique about Waveland, Mississippi.

At first, I thought it was the physical things the warm weather, the sunshine, the beach lined with its grand homes, pine trees, magnolias and live oaks. Later, I learned, it is something much more, like a peaceful, quality life.

You can drive for miles along well-maintained public beaches. Even on holidays, when Beach Boulevard has an endless stream of cars, RV,s and visitors, you can find a little piece of beach just for yourself. One of our favorite activities is to pack a picnic basket, umbrellas, chairs and the kids and sit for hours just looking out over the water "doing nothing." Kids, kites, floaties all become a part of the blue, white, and sometimes pinktinged vista.

Then, there are the surprises. Such as the



The historic Waveland City Hall, which is now under major renovations.

Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Day Parade. You have not lived until you have had a large head of cabbage hurled at you. And, if you have the nerve, you can also beg carrots, onions and potatoes to add to the

pot when you get home.
This lively parade goes right down Coleman Avenue, the old Waveland downtown.
Located there is another of our first attractions to
Waveland---the Flea Market.
Here you could spend hours

searching for treasures.
And, then right across the street is Rickey's Restaurant where you will get such large portions of delicious New Orleans-style cuisine that you will have to spend the rest of the afternoon just "doing nothing" again to recuperate.

The beach, the parades, the food and the unexpected things like the night sky along the beach being filled with holiday fireworks held a charm that kept us glued to this place. And, it was not long before I discovered the real secret charm of

Waveland – its people.
There is such a generosity of spirit here. Waveland is called "the hospitality city."
Webster's defines hospitable as "given to generous and cordial reception of guests."

Many personal experiences have led me to know this is true of Waveland and its people. For instance, the Coleman Avenue Coalition hosted the first annual Wave-Fest Celebration which will be held on August 31 this year on Coleman Avenue. We had hired a train ride for the kids. The fee was \$2 for a ride and it was a big success. The Mayor and Fire Chief thought they could do one better. They were worried that someone might want a ride and would not have the money. So, they built a "fire train." So, when Waveland hosts a festivity, adults and kids can ride up and down the avenue, driven by firemen for "free."

Waveland is a small town with all the attributes you would expect of a small town. Everything that happens in a big city happens here only on a smaller scale, even a tour of homes. Last year, the area hosted a Charming Cottages Tour which was very well received by locals and visitors alike. We are planning another tour this May, possibly on the 17th.

Although we have experienced a lot of growth and



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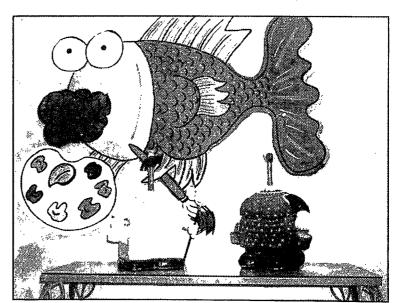
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A sample of the whimsical work of Waveland artist Scott Blackwell.

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Drug Store (now That Cute Little Shoppe) was owned and operated by the Lynch Family for 57 years. Ms. Louise Lynch and her seven daughters ran the pharmacy and lived upstairs. It was the town gathering place until it closed in 1996. Next door, Ms. Elaine Colson runs the Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras Association. Each year, during Mardi Gras, they host a spectacular ball and parade. Miss Elaine and Miss Louise were best friends since grade school. The Petermans still run Petermans L'il Store and Liquor Mart. They have been here since the 70s and have raised six children. If you stop by, Fred is the cantankerous one and Pearl is the nice one! You can walk up and down Coleman Avenue and always find

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They all have time for you. I have talked about Waveland's past and present, but my biggest expectation is for its future. Improvements are constantly underway. Highway 90 and Highway 603 seem to grow daily with new businesses. The Municipal Fishing Pier has doubled in size since we first came here. It is manned 24 hours a day and you can fish or just sit "doing nothing" again peering out over the horizon. It boasts new pagodas for a family picnic and even has bathroom facilities under construction. By the Spring, it will stretch out even further into the Gulf. The new Library and Old Schoolhouse are undergoing major renovations and will provide more educational and cultural activities for children and adults. Sewer and water systems are constantly being improved.

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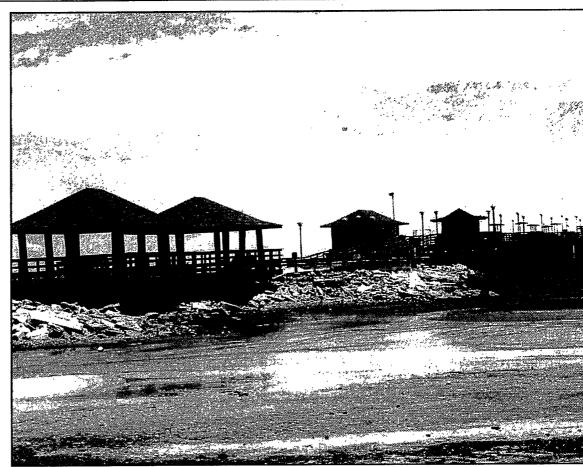
little time for conversation.

One major improvement to our beachfront cannot be ignored. The American Legion and the City cooperated and built the Veterans Memorial Foundation and Park. It will receive a Blue

Star Recognition this year. Ray Cuevas and his crew have spent long and sometimes very hot hours landscaping the area. They even built the park benches by making their own cement forms and casting them. The walking and riding path that joins Waveland to Bay St. Louis is always abuzz with bikers, skaters, joggers and those just out for a stroll.

I love Waveland and think it is the ideal place to live and work. It is a quiet place where people know your name and treat you like a friend. If you are one of those who crave city lights, sidewalks and fast lanes for your car you only have to drive a few miles away to find it. As for me, I love living here and "doing nothing."

Kathy Pinn and her husband Ron own That Cute Little Shoppe on Coleman Avenue in Waveland. She is the president of the Coleman Coalition of Waveland. To learn more, contact her at 228-467-3922.



The scenic Garfield Ladner Pier in Waveland - which will soon re-open after storm repairs are completed - will also be upgraded soon thanks to Tidelands grant funds.



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## Diamondhead: A unique – and special – place

BY JOHN HALL iamondhead is a truly unique community. Location, elevation and size make it a very special place on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Diamondhead enjoys a climate in which the sun shines brightly on average over 300 days a year, and has an average daily temperature of 68 degrees. Temperate winters and cooler coastal summers provide a year-round attraction for people from all over the world. The warmer summertime draws many southern residents and visitors seeking a family vacation spot in a resort setting.

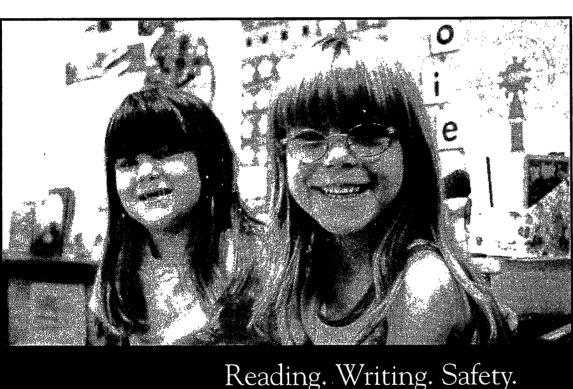
Diamondhead is a threehour or less drive from much of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.
Midwesterners with second homes, or who are annual visitors, are attracted by the great golf and tennis facilities. Much of the Midwest is a one-day drive. For many, Diamondhead is much easier to get to than Florida and other Sun Belt areas, plus the lifestyle in Diamondhead is "laid back." Diamondhead is always "in season."

Diamondhead boasts 6,400 acres of heavily wooded, rolling land that rises from sea level at the Bay of St. Louis to over 100 feet above sea level in several locations. Diamondhead is one of the highest points of land adjacent to salt water from Texas throughout the Gulf Coast and all the way to Florida.

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by Interstate 10 with a full interchange at Mississippi Exit # 16. An estimated 50,000 cars pass through the Diamondhead I-10 interchange daily on the main East - West interstate in the southern United States.

Diamondhead is within a very short drive of the beautiful white sand beaches, historical sites, museums and other attractions along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Also nearby are the casinos located in Bay St. Louis, Gulfport and Biloxi.

Diamondhead has a population of approximately 7,000 people and is the fastest growing community in southern Mississippi. More families with children are making Diamondhead their home, which is changing the demographics and lowering the average age of the residents. New housing starts have averaged about 175 new homes per year for the past several years. Restrictive covenants protect the community's integrity. The backgrounds of its residents are as diverse as anywhere in the country. The median family income, according to a recent survey, is \$50,000 plus.

Diamondhead has two of the finest 18-hole championship golf courses in the Southeast. The facilities

include practice areas as well as a fully staffed and well-stocked pro shop. The Pine course plays to 6,832 yards from the blue tees, and is rated at 73.5. The Cardinal course plays to 6,730 yards and is rated 72.6. Diamondhead Country Club is host to many local and regional golf tournaments. The new \$3 million clubhouse opened in 1999. It is the focal point of many social activities and offers total banquet and meeting facilities, which are available to the public. The annual Arts & Craft Fair is held on the beautiful grounds of the Country Club and is scheduled for September 20th & 21st.

The Yacht Club located on the South side of the community is suited to boaters and non-boaters alike. A restaurant and lounge overlooking the Bay of St. Louis provide a spectacular panorama and also fine dining. The Diamondhead Marina has facilities available for mooring boats up to 55 feet in length and the Ship's Store, offering full service and fuel dock, serves as a meeting place for boaters and fishermen.

Diamondhead's Tennis World is one of the most

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## HMC: Keeping the community healthy

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In an effort to improve waiting times, a second physician is on duty during peak times in an ambulatory emergency area. Last year, combined visits totaled more than 24,000. The hospital also participates in a coastwide trauma network.

The current 149,000-sq.ft. facility saw a major expansion in 1998, when new labor/delivery/postpartum and nursery units, intensive care unit, pediatric and post-surgical units were added.

A major renovation, focusing on improved access to outpatient services, is underway and will continue over the next few years.

'We realize our patients lead busy lives," said Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, DBA, FACHE. "Our plan is to have the patient park, register, walk a few steps and have services come to him.

A new outpatient registration lobby will be created at the Drinkwater Boulevard entrance, now home to the hospital volunteers, gift shop and information desk. Lab, cardiopulmonary and some imaging services will be relocated to an adjacent corridor.

The pharmacy was relocated to the third floor of the inpatient tower in 2002, making that department more accessible to patient rooms.

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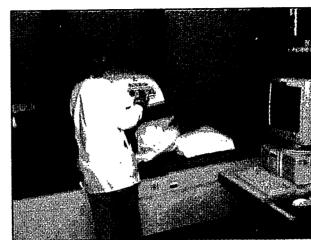
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A recently installed mammography unit will soon offer stereotactic breast biopsy capability, said Leftwich.

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After dining, try your hand at slots or blackjack, or perhaps take in one of the many headliner concerts such as Tom Jones, Travis Tritt, Paul Anka or others. The property still remains one of the largest dockside casino developments in the world today and was named "Best Resort," on the Mississippi Gulf Coast by Chance Magazine. To find out upcoming entertainment schedules, watch for information in the Sea Coast Echo, call the Casino Magic Box Office at 463-4035, or visit the Casino Magic web site at www.casinomagicbaystlouis.com.

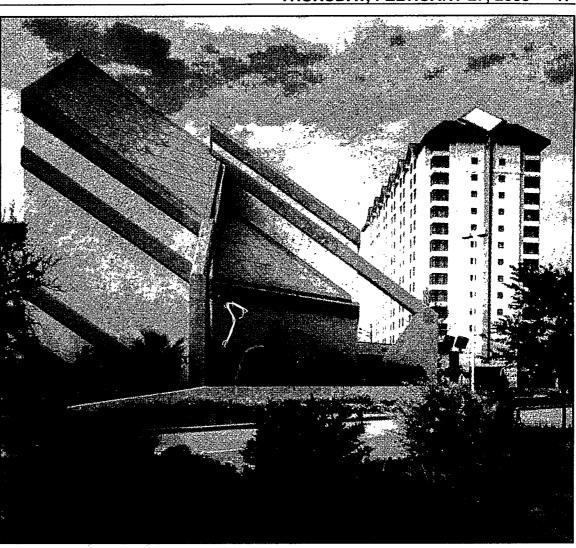
Located in the center of the Bay St. Louis resort is The Bridges Golf Club, which opened in February 1997 and is Mississippi's only Arnold Palmer golf course. It is also the first resort course in the world to receive the Audubon Certified Silver Signature Status. This 18-hole championship course, created by Arnold Palmer and the Arnold Palmer Design Course Company has several acres of wetlands coming into play, and is outfitted with 21 cart bridges, hence its name, The Bridges. The course was voted "Best Golf" on the Mississippi Gulf Coast by Casino Player magazine and ranked four stars and "Places to Play" by Golf Digest. Both locals and snowbirds enjoy the course year round. Locals are also offered special discounted rates seasonally.

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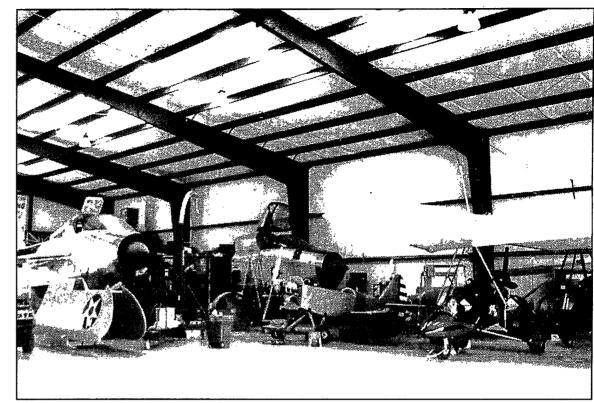
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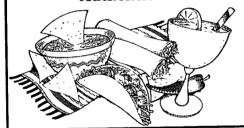
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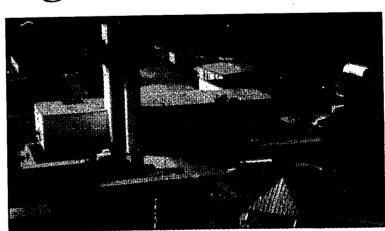
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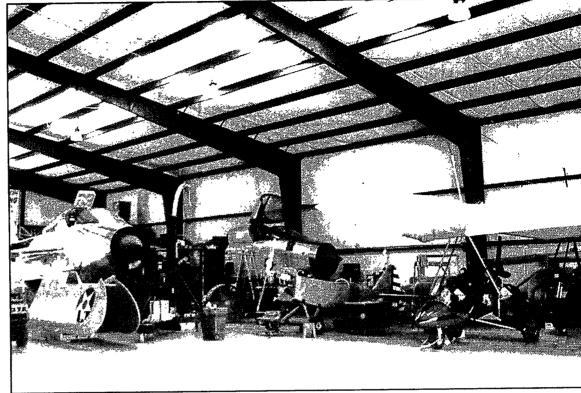
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### Pearlington: A small town, but the Pearl of Hancock County

### BY PATRICIA COLE WILSON

he small town of Pearlington was founded like many other towns in Mississippi. Simple men making their way down the Pearl River and across the Gulf of Mexico, finding a comfortable place to live and make lots of money through free trade. Known as the "pearl" of Hancock County, Pearlington found its name in the early 1800s due to the fresh water pearls found in the Pearl River.

Hidden away amongst the live oak trees and stately pines, beautiful homes and riverside fishing camps. Pearlington is home to people from all walks of life who enjoy our generally mild climate, outdoor activities and quiet country living.

Many of the residents are employed by Stennis Space Center, which is a part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The huge facility tests numerous engines used in the space program, including the space shuttles and satellite rockets. It employs more than 4,600 people.

"If you want to get to

space, you have to first go through Pearlington," said Patricia Gaspard, VR specialist at Stennis and native of Pearlington.

Pearlington is located in the "buffer zone" of Stennis Space Center, and offers protection for the town and indigenous wildlife through restricted access areas.

Located off Interstate 10 and Highway 603, the Welcome Center, which is home to NASA,s tourism launching area, is a beautiful introduction of Mississippi to visitors from all over the globe.

It offers free tours to Stennis Space Center via a bus ride to the 14,000 square foot space museum. The museum accommodates more than 250,000 visitors annually.

Arriving from Michoud, Louisiana, fuel tanks make their way up the Pearl River to the NASA site for testing. They can be seen en route from any of two public boat launches in Pearlington and the abandoned Logtown.

South of Pearlington on Mulatto Bayou, once the home of Mississippi,s foremost historian J.F.H.Claiborne, is Port Bienville Industrial Park. More than 1,150 full-time employees work at the industrial site, which includes an industrial shipping port, a modern medical clinic through Hancock Medical Center known as the Robert Baxter Clinic, and the McDonald Industrial Training Center.

All faiths are represented in Pearlington. The library is among the County,s best and is located at the Charles B. Murphy School. All children who attend the school have access to a computer lab and remain on the edge of educational technology.

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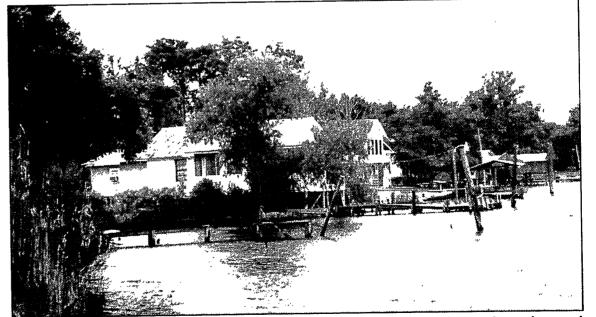
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Pearlington has an excellent volunteer fire department, as well as a community center and playgrounds for recreational use. Local vendors, including convenient stores, restaurants and bait shops, offer residents and visitors more than enough to do in one day.

The town is blessed with year-round activities, as well as peace and quiet only found in the woods and riverbanks of Pearlington. Come see us! "Mi Casa es Su Casa!"

Patricia Cole Wilson is an artist and writer. A 46-year resident of Pearlington who spends many hours researching historical aspects of the small town.



Pearlington, one of Hancock County's earliest settlements, was once the most populous and bustling community in the area. The town got its name from its first claim to fame – Spanish explorers discovered that oysters dredged from the river often contained low-quality pearls, creating a short-lived cottage industry.

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# Clermont Harbor – old and new collide for easy living and a Mecca for wildlife enthusiasts

BY MILLIE USHER, PH.D

lermont Harbor is an easy living residential community. Hugging the Gulf of Mexico, it is located between Buccaneer State Park and Bayou Caddy in Hancock County.

The town is built around a harbor, barely visible from Beach Boulevard. There is a great local interest in revitalizing the harbor, which once accommodated fishing, crabbing, boating, water skiing, canoeing and sailing activities.

Community water service has been in existence for many years and the area has recently completed installation of a sewer system. Zoned R-2, mobile homes and new business ventures are prohibited south of the railroad tracks.

A drive around Clermont Harbor will find old and new residents building, upgrading and improving their property and grounds, and sometimes that of their neighbors. Residents are passionate and protective about their community. Clermont Harbor had a neighborhood watch long before there was such a thing -- officially. Many families have been here for generations, so traditions are valued and memories run

Clermont Harbor has the only lighthouse in Hancock County in addition to a rabbit hole and alligator hole. A grocery store has been located at the corner of Clermont Boulevard and Railroad Avenue for almost a century. There are two churches to take care of the spiritual needs of the parish.

This unique Gulf Coast Community is home to artists, writers, scientists, builders, judges, teachers, firefighters, clergy, fishermen, seamen, retirees and

Children of all ages enjoy bike riding, fishing and crabbing from the new pier,



Clermont Harbor Volunteer Fire Department became the latest Mississippi fire district to benefit from a state mandated Fire Truck Act. A ceremony was held on earlier this year to bless the brand new fire truck that the department bought with funds available from the five year old state fund and from The United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program. Here, Commissioner of Insurance George Dale presents an oversized replica of the \$50,000 check to Chief Charles Jackson.

swimming, walks in the shallow water, or just sitting on the seawall and gazing across the vastness of the Gulf of Mexico.

Floundering has a different meaning here. Clermont Harbor is also home to rabbits, herons, egrets, pelicans, seagulls, eagles and alligators a mecca for wildlife enthusiasts.

Residents are protected by a sheriff's patrol, and by a well-trained volunteer fire department, which recently acquired a new state of the art fire engine.

Citizens interested in improving the quality of life in our area are energetically involved in the Clermont Harbor Civic Association. The association is one of the first civic groups to officially affiliate with the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce to develop partnerships for beautification and other important programs. Awareness of the research process and strate-

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gic planning that has been done by the county leadership will allow for smarter choices to be made as we work together to bring about positive social, civic and environmental changes for Clermont Harbor and Hancock County.

Millie Usher, Ph.D. is originally from Hancock County and returned to her home

area of Clermont Harbor a few years ago. She is the new president of the Clermont Harbor Civic Association. The Association meets monthly at the Volunteer Fire Department on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30pm. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. For information, contact Millie Usher at 228-466-2702.



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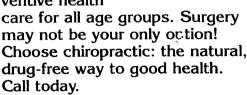
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# Lakeshore-Ansley – a place for quiet, unhurried living

BY JUANITA SHIYOU

he Lakeshore-Ansley area is located in southwestern Hancock County. It is a small community and rural area about 45 miles east of New Orleans. The community has grown due to an influx of people, mostly from the Louisiana area, in the past decade. Juanita Shiyou This growth has not

affected the family oriented atmosphere of friendly people who truly are an example of southern hospitality.

For those who enjoy hunting, the area is surrounded by forested lands and the Stennis buffer zone, which is home to white-tail deer, turkeys, quail and other game.

Fishermen have a choice of fresh or salt water to pursue their pastime. Marinas at Bayou Caddy, Bordage's Fishing Camp or LaFrance's Fishing Camp are places to launch your boat for fishing or just to cruise.

For the health conscious, we have an excellent walking track just north of

Gulfview School, or you may prefer to walk or bicycle along the beach front. A basketball court is located across the street from the

School and is a favorite gathering place for the younger people. Between the School and walking track are two athletic fields, which are used by football teams in the fall and girl's fast pitch softball in the spring.

have found this area to be particularly attractive to pursue their hobby, since we are in the midst of one of

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The Lakeshore-Ansley area offers a quiet, rural, unhurried life and if this is to your liking, welcome.

Juanita Shiyou is a local resident who has documented the history of the area and enjoys life in Lakeshore with her husband and children

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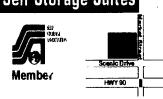
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## Newcomer's Guide to quality education in Hancock County

#### BY DR. SHERRY PONDER

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County is a great
place to live and a
great place to learn.
Our schools, both
public and private /parochial
are accredited by the
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schools are also accredited
by the Southern Association
of Colleges and Schools
(SACS).

Our schools ensure quality educational opportunities through strong instructional leadership and high expectations in safe and orderly climates.

The school calendars in our area are similar to each other generally beginning in early August through late May.

By Mississippi Law, children must be five years old on or before September 1 to enter Kindergarten and six years old on or before September 1 to enter first grade. The following documents are required:

- A certified copy of birth certificate:
- Immunization records on Mississippi forms (provided by the local Health Department); and,
- Two proofs of residency in Mississippi.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hancock County has two public school districts. The city school district serves students who are residents of the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland. The Hancock County School District serves students who reside

outside these city boundaries but within the county lines.

A five-member school board oversees the operations of each of the public school districts. The city school board consists of three members appointed by the mayor of Bay St. Louis and two elected members from the City of Waveland. The superintendent is appointed by the School Board. The County School Board consists of five elected members. The superintendent is also elected.

Bay St. Louis-Waveland Public Schools is home to approximately 2,400 students in grades kindergarten through 12. Every classroom has internet capabilities, broadening the horizon for learning and bringing the world to the fingertips of students and teachers alike. Uniforms are required dress in this school district. There are five campuses within the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District.

#### Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District www.bwsd.org

Administrative Office: 467-6621

North Bay Elementary – Grades K-3: 467-4757

Waveland Elementary – Grades K-3: 467-6630

Second Street Elementary - Grades 4-5: 467-4052

Bay Middle School – Grades 6-8: 463-0315

Bay High School - Grades 9-12: 467-6611 Bay-Wayeland Alternative

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grades kindergarten through 12. Every classroom has Internet capabilities. There are six campuses serving academic programs and a seventh campus, which houses the vocational-technical center for high school students.

#### Hancock County School District www.hancock.k12.ms.us

Administrative Office: 255-0376

Charles B. Murphy Elementary – Grades K-5: 533-7872

East Hancock Elementary
- Grades K-5: 255-6637
Gulfview Elementary Grades K-5: 467-4655

Hancock North Central Elementary – Grades K-5: 255-7641

Hancock Middle School – Grades 6-8: 467-1889

Hancock High School – Grades 9-12: 467-2251

Hancock Vo-Tech Center: 467-3568

#### PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

The Coast Region has a large catholic population, providing ready access to Catholic Christian Educational opportunities in Hancock County from preschool through grade 12. All parochial schools are affiliated with the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi.

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Saint Stanislaus College (SSC) is one of the largest Catholic Boarding and Day Schools for Boys in the United States. Established in 1854, it is a highly rated college preparatory school serving young men in grades 6-12, with a student body of approximately 560 boys. Located at 304 South Beach Boulevard in Bay St. Louis, it is staff by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and lay professionals. It provides services to both local residents in a day scholar program and a residency program to those looking for quality board schools. Boarding students are from many states and interna-

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### Our beach is the best kept secret in the state

#### BY COLLEEN BARRETT READ

BEACH. Just the word does something really nice to my pulse rate. If I am not mistaken, it may do a little something to everyone else,s pulse rate, too.

The beach soothes, calms and creates a peaceful presence. That is why living on the beach or close to one, is a pure necessity for me. I am a local beach girl, who grew up in a small beach community, and believe me, I have utilized every single aspect of its "beachie" splendor.

My beach, the one I call home, is located right here in beautiful Hancock County. The word "splendor" is an understatement. This opinion of mine comes from experience. I have visited every coastline in the United States and had the rare and wonderful opportunity to live for several years in a community that is known for its beautiful beaches - Hawaii.

I have found every beach to be unique. However, there is something really special to be said for our beach located on the "West Coast" of Mississippi.

On our beach, the sand is white and clean, the beach itself is long and deep, and the water is shallow and warm: the perfect playground for all who enjoy the art of sailing, kayaking, windsurfing, swimming, boating, fishing or just floating around, building a sandcastle, flying a kite, or making pictures out of clouds. Whatever you choose to do, our beach is perfect for peaceful living with nature in complete harmony. The birds are plentiful flying in rhythm over the sandbars everyday. The dolphins appear almost every morn-

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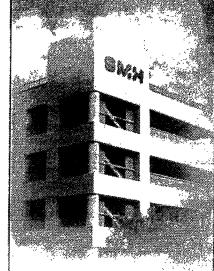
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### Diamondhead

active tennis facilities in the area. Ten Rubico lighted courts; team play, a pro shop and lessons make Tennis World a complete tennis complex. It also hosts the annual Women's 60s. 70s. and 80s National Clay Court Championships on March 31st to April 6th.

The Diamondhead Community Center is the hub for community activities, such as the Garden Club, Square Dance Club. Bridge Club plus other groups and organizations too numerous to mention, use the center on a weekly basis. The community has four large swimming pools strategically located throughout Diamondhead for the use of the property owners. The East Rec pool area also has soccer and baseball fields and a children's playground. There are four churches located on Diamondhead Circle, across from the Community Center. Through the foresight of several community leaders, the former 19th Hole was converted into a continuing education facility. It offers six-week courses with instruction ranging from computer training, artwork, and foreign language to yoga and Ti-Chi. It is very popular

The Diamondhead Airport offers a 3,500 foot lighted runway for private planes and a full service fixed base operator for pilot needs. An air festival to celebrate the 100th anniversary of flight will be held at the airport on September 20th and 21st. It will feature a static display of 50 airplanes, including some vintage and warplanes along with specialty vendors and food booths.

rises over the water. Wow!

Fortunate are we in this

What a feast for my eyes!

Sightseeing tours are scheduled at the airport on Saturday March 29th that will include flights over Diamondhead and the Bay of St. Louis. Diamondhead prides itself on its security. A private security force monitors activity throughout the community as well as traffic at the two entrances. Diamondhead has been rated as having some of the lowest crime statistics in the state. The Diamondhead Fire District with state of the art equipment is rated one of the best in Mississippi, which means very reasonable homeowners insurance premiums. The rescue squad is a first responder and has saved the lives of many elderly residents.

Diamondhead is a private community. All of the facilities and amenities within the community are owned by, and are for the use of. the property owners and their guests. The property owners elect officers and a board of directors, that are non-paid, to oversee the operations of the community. A general manager is responsible for the day to day operations and reports to the board. Each property owner pays \$50.00 per month for each parcel owned to defer the cost of operation of the Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association. The dues entitle the owners to reduced fees at the clubs and recreational facilities. All roads, water and sewer lines, electrical, telephone and cable are installed and are ready for hookup.

Diamondhead has a very active business and professional association with

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approximately 150 members. The membership is ever expanding and represents a wide cross section of the community. The business association erected and paid for the beautiful stucco entryway at the main gate They also maintain the night lighting throughout the business area. To kick off the holiday season, each November the association hosts a Merchant Fair at the Country Club.

The business community offers most services needed by the residents. The business area has 15 restaurants and eateries. 10 real estate companies, three banks, three insurance agencies, three gas stations, and car care service. Two motels, two dry cleaners, a grocery and drug store. Post office, gift and clothing shops, along with several beauty salons. Liquor and wine shop, rehabilitation services and nursing home. Attorneys, mortgage lenders, doctors and dentists, storage facilities and the only bowling lanes in the county.

We like to think of Diamondhead as the "Jewel" of the Gulf Coast. The residents are warm, friendly and happy to help and welcome new people to the community. We are all proud to call Diamondhead our home.

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John Hall is a Licensed Realtor® with Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty, Inc., and a director on the boards of: The Diamondhead County Club and Property Owners Association, the Lakeside Villa Condo Association, and the Diamondhead Business & Professional Association (DBPA). For more information, call Hall at 255-6111.

### **Beach -- big secret**

small, yet blessed community. Our beach sits out of the way with a nice, new bike

Colleen Barrett Read is a Bay Louis/Waveland girl. After several years of exploration elsewhere, she currently

resides in Bay St. Louis. Colleen and her husband Todd, own and operate Da Beach House at 604 South Beach Boulevard in Bay St. Louis and Da Hut on Avenue ColemanWaveland. For more, contact her at 467-9477.

ing in the Gulf as a part of nature,s play. The sunrise graces the horizon with a bright orange sky; the sunand walkway. sets are full of magic never to be denied. The full moon local

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### **Backyard -- tourism in Hancock County**

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The Seminary is available for tours, retreats, and is now a retirement home for Priests and Brothers ordained there many years ago.

On the lush grounds of the Seminary, you will see beautiful live oaks draped in Spanish moss, statues and shrines. Benches await your visit, as you walk-through to the Grotto.

This beautiful shrine was hand built in the early 1900s by the father of one of the young seminarians, who is now a retired priest at the Seminary.

St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis is African American based.

It is one of the Highlights of any tour or visit to this very special seaside community. Established in 1926, St. Rose is one of the most active parishes in the area.

The redecorating of the church in 1991 created a most exciting visual experience to all who visit. The fresco or mural on the three back altar walls represent an African figure as "Christ in the Oaks" and on Sundays, at

9:30 Mass, one of the best Southern Gospel Choirs sing in praise of God, in a most inspiring way.

"Old Town" Bay St. Louis, named by *USA Today* as one of the top 10 small Art towns in the country, "offers the works of more than 100 resident artists, numerous art galleries, antique shops. sidewalk cafes, restaurants, lounges and five original murals painted on the side of buildings."

The Hancock County Historical Society's home, the Kate Lobrano House, awaits those who are interested in the history of the Gulf Coast and our people.

The Historic L & N Depot District is filled to capacity with some of the best dinning on the Gulf Coast. The Train Depot is totally refurbished and is an attraction within itself. This historically majestic, two story building, is used for exhibits, receptions, seminars, meetings and other grand gatherings and celebrations.

Historic cemeteries, homes to tour, food to taste, and bay breezes to feel, are awaiting you as a visitor and a newcomer.

Buccaneer State Park and Water Park, the busiest in the Mississippi State Park system, is a delight for the entire family.

Water slides, a huge wave pool, pools for children and adults, R.V. and primitive camping, and a Disc Golf course, are but a few of the enjoyable activities offered in Waveland's Buccaneer Park

Down Beach Boulevard, in Waveland, is the Waveland Fishing Pier, open to the public. This very large, well lit pier is open 24 hours a day and offers the additional benefit of a guard, on the site. Coleman Avenue offers wonderful shopping and dining.

Kiln, (pronounced as The Kill) is home to Brett Favre, quarterback for the Green Bay Packers, and our, top-of-the-line, Equestrian & Fair Grounds, a multi-purpose facility.

McLeod Water Park in the Kiln is a beautiful picnic and campgrounds, where you can fish, swim, or paddle a canoe on the river's bend. Also,

The Stennis International Airport has recently been much enhanced and can handle almost any type or size aircraft, including the "Space Shuttle."

Diamondhead, a resort community, offers two championship golf courses, three pools, resort condo.s, two hotels and Tennis World,s 12 championship clay courts. This community attracts thousands of golfers, tennis players and other visitors every year. Their latest fea-

ture is the new stunning Club House, a fabulous addition to our convention and banquet capabilities.

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Email inquiries to: tourism@hancockcountyms.o rg. Check out our their website at: www.hancockcountyms.org.

For Statewide Visitor Information, visit the Hancock County Welcome Center.

The Center, which is located on I-10 at Highway 607, is one of the most heavily trafficked Centers in the State, welcoming close to 700,000 visitors annually. Friendly, trained travel counselors are available to provide complimentary refreshments and information including maps, hotel/motel reservations, restaurant guides, weather reports, area events and activities of interest.

The Welcome Center is open 8am-5pm Labor Day through Memorial Day; and, 8am-6pm June 1 through Labor Day. The Center is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and New Year's

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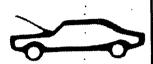
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### **HMC** -- state-of-the-art

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nurse practitioner and registered nurse. The clinic takes walk-ins and is open Monday through Friday for patients of all ages.

In the westernmost part of Hancock County, Hancock Medical Services is located near the entrance to Port Bienville Industrial Park in Pearlington, Employers on site use the clinic for occupational and medical health needs. Health care is also provided for residents of the surrounding communities of Clermont Harbor, Lakeshore and Ansley.

The Hancock Multispecialty Clinic provides office space for specialists such as internal medicine and ENT, while Hancock Outpatient Rehab Services at Diamondhead offers a full range of physical, occupational and speech therapy. The clinic also features aquatic therapy in an indoor swimming pool conducted by a therapist certified by the Arthritis Foundation.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

"We want to be your hospital when you're sick," said Leftwich, but we are also going to try to keep you healthy." Hancock Medical Center's community health initiative includes:

• School Clinic Program: The hospital operates clinics in eight public schools and supplies nurses, supplies and equipment at all loca-

### **HMC 2002 STATISTICS**

**Employees: 495** 

Patient Days: 21,975

**Babies Delivered: 411** 

**ER Visits: 24,006** 

**Inpatient/Outpatient Surgeries 4,062** 

Salaries/Benefits/Wages: \$21,584,471.

Capital Funds Reinvested: \$1,929,129.

tions in an effort to keep our youth healthy.

The program has had a remarkable impact on attendance, according to school administrators.

• Sports Medicine Program: As a complement to the school clinics, the hospital provides athletic trainers to the public schools, sports programs.

• Immunization Program: Infants through age 19 may receive free immunizations the second Saturday of each month at the hospital. Vaccines include: DTAP, MMR, polio, hepatitis B, HIB, prevnar and chicken

• Mammography Assistance: Through the fund-raising efforts of concerned citizens, the Hancock Medical Center Foundation

(a 501c3 organization) provides screening and diagnostic mammography services to women who do not qualify for insurance or government programs. Some 300 services were provided last year.

• Community Health Fair: Each May health screenings are offered at HMC,s annual community health fair. Booths are provided by many other organizations in an event fit for the whole family.

• Speakers Bureau: Informative tips on health topics are featured each month in a "lunch & learn" format in Bay St. Louis at Casino Magic,s Bay Tower Hotel and Diamondhead Country Club. Speakers include physicians and health professionals. Call 467-8727 for information.



**Anesthesiolo** gist Mark Morgan and his daughter Madeleine demonstrate vital signs monitoring at Hancock Medical Center recently to a visiting group of . students from Coast **Episcopal** school. **HMC** offers on-site tours by appointment. pro-

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Stennis is a unique federal and commercial city comprised of NASA and over 30 other federal, state, academic and private organizations. It has a workforce of more than 4,600 people including more than 1,600 scientists and engineers.

The center strongly influences the surrounding communities. In 2001, Stennis' direct economic impact totaled \$736 million, with a \$497 million impact on communities within a 50-mile radius of the center. Yet, Stennis' most profound impact can be found in its people.

Each year, neighboring Mississippi counties and Louisiana parishes feel the impact of Stennis employees and staff who participate actively in community and civic events. Many sit on school boards, lead Girls Scout and Boy Scout troops, serve as deacons in churches and support numerous groups and charities through volunteerism and contributions.

The public is invited to

visit Stennis Space Center's award-winning visitor center, StenniSphere. Tours of the center depart daily from the Launch Pad, located at the **Hancock County** 

Welcome Center, Exit 2, I-10 and are free of charge. StenniSphere offers 14,000 square feet of interactive, educational exhibits, including a real Space Shuttle Main Engine, a Learjet and scale models of NASA rockets. Simulated experiences allow visitors to pilot the Space Shuttle, test a Space Shuttle Main Engine, climb aboard the International Space Station, walk below the ocean, and visit a home on Mars. Lunch is offered in the 1960s-style diner, the RocKeTeria, and souvenirs

are for sale in the Odyssey Gift Shop. StenniSphere is Monday through open Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In keeping with NASA's mission to inspire the next generation of explorers, the center conducts monthly oneday camps during the school year and weeklong day camps during the summer.

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### **Schools**

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Our Lady Academy (OLA) is a six year Catholic Christian all girls high school staffed by religious Sisters of Mercy and dedicated lay teachers.

Established in 1970, OLA provides a comprehensive education through a college preparatory curriculum. Strong collaboration between OLA and SSC maximizes the academic opportunities to the student body. OLA has also been recognized for very structured athletic programs resulting in several state Championships.

OLA is located in Bay St. Louis behind Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church at 222 South Beach Boulevard.

Our Lady Academy - ourladyacademy.com Administrative Offices: 467-

Bay Catholic Elementary

and St. Clare Elementary serve grades kindergarten through six grades, and provides a feeder program to the Catholic Christian high school programs. Bay Catholic has a preschool program and a before and

after school child care service. St. Clare has an after school service. Bay Catholic is located in Bay St. Louis within the Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church Parish and can be accessed through the Second Street entrance. St. Clare is located in Waveland within the St. Clare Catholic Church Parish, located at 234 South Beach Bouelvard.

Bay Catholic Elementary Administrative Office: 467-5158

St. Clare Elementary Administrative Office: 467-7071

Within our reach in the neighboring coast communities of Pass Christian and Long Beach is Coast Episcopal School serving grades preschool through 12. Coast Episcopal provides a continuous elementary through secondary opportunity on one campus.

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Coast Episcopal School Administrative Office: 452-9442

Dr. Sherry Ponder is an educator and community leader who resides with her husband Randy and their children in Waveland. She is currently serving as chairwoman of the Education Committee for the Hancock Chamber and is a member of the Board for the Bay-Waveland School District.

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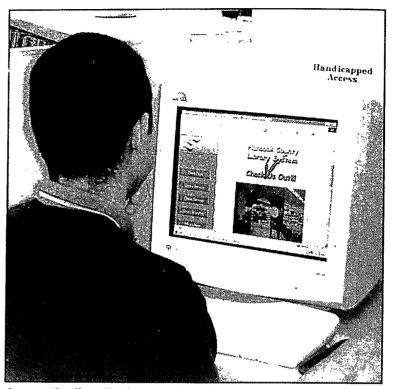
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- Free meeting room space for public functions;
- Innovative children's programs year-round, from story hours for pre-schoolers to Summer Reading Programs for children through eighth grade;
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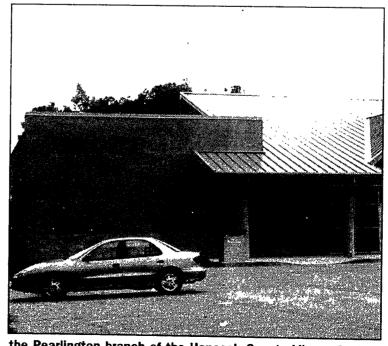
Among the literally dozens of services offered at the Hancock County Library System branches is the system's Free Online Computer User Services (FOCUS).

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- Access to the library's automated catalog via their home, office or school modem with Personal 23 Identification Number (PIN) through Dial Pac;
- Art by local artists Nadine Stamm and Robert Waldrop available for viewing at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, along with the marble, steel and copper sculpture of Hamilton Guenard;
- Renaissance - The Revival of a Community, located on the exterior of the building at the Ulman Avenue entrance, which records the history, culture and architecture of the community:
- Sponsor of the annual Holiday Tree Gala, where local businesses, schools and organizations decorate trees to display in the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. This event has become the official kick off of the county's holiday season, and includes choirs and other entertainment:
- Outside book returns;
- Sponsor of the Great Books Discussion Group at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library;
- Co-sponsor of the Second Friday Book Club at the Kiln Public Library;
- Friendly, courteous staff to assist you in person and by phone;

More information on the Hancock County Library System is available by calling 467-5282, or on the World Wide Web www.hancock.lib.ms.us.

The Hancock County Library System is funded by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, and the Cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.



the Pearlington branch of the Hancock County Library System is based at Charles B. Murphy Elementary School.

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## Important information for new residents

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hen you relocate to Hancock County, one of the first things you want to do is stop by the Hancock County

Chamber of Commerce. There, you can find friendly staff and useful community information, including a complimentary map of Hancock County.

One of the most useful guides to Hancock County is the telephone directory and the Chamber Membership List. EATEL Sunshine Pages publishes an annual directory that is your local print and on-line telephone directory everything you

You can pick up your complimentary copy at the Chamber Office.

Below, you will find some useful information to help make your relocation easier.

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New residents must apply for a Mississippi driver,s license within 60 days and a Mississippi license plate (tag) within 30 days.

You will need to contact the tax collector's office within the county that you reside for car tag information. In addition, you must also obtain a Mississippi inspection sticker for your vehicle referred to as "brake

See below for information on how to obtain these licenses and tags:

#### LICENSE PLATES (TAGS)/REGISTRATION

Hancock County Tax Assessor / Collectors Office 161 Main Street Bay St

Louis 39520 228-467-4425

#### **BRAKE TAGS**

Mississippi residents are required to pass annual motor vehicle safety inspections. This is a called a brake tag. The cost is \$5. Most service garages and full-service gas stations offer this service.

#### DRIVERS LICENSE

In Mississippi, you must be at least 15 years old to apply for a learner,s permit,

17 years old for a regular Louis, MS 39520 Telephone: driver,s license. You must provide the following:

- Social Security Card Certified copy of birth certificate
  - Proof of domicile

If under 18 years of age you must show proof that you are in school by presenting an education form obtained from the school you are attending. This form is not valid if over 30 days old.

First time drivers are required to pass a written test, driving test and a vision exam. New residents with valid out-of-state licenses require only a vision exam. The cost is \$20 (cash only) and is valid for four years.

To obtain a license, go to the Driver's License Bureau located inside the Hancock County Civic Center located on Longfellow Drive, Bay St Louis, MS 39520. Telephone: 228-467-0346.

Please note that it is only open Monday-Tuesday and it closes during lunchtime. You may also obtain a drivers license at the office in Harrison County located at 4008 8th Street Gulfport 39501 Telephone: 228-864-

#### VOTER REGISTRATION

To register to vote in Mississippi you must be:

A US Citizen

A resident of Mississippi, your county and city, if applicable, 30 days before the election in which you want to

18 years old by the time of the election

Not currently under a judgment of mental incompe-

You must register at least 24 days prior to be eligible to vote in the next election.

For more information, contact:

Hancock County Circuit Clerk's Office

Hancock County Courthouse

152 Main Street Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 228-467-5265

#### HANCOCK COUNTY US POSTAL OFFICE AREA LOCATIONS:

1200 Highway 90, Bay St.

228-467-7720 16250 Highway 603, Kiln, MS 39556 Telephone: 228-255-0935

6271 Lower Bay Road, Lakeshore, MS 39558 Telephone: 228-463-1228

300 Ladnier Street in Pass Christian, MS 39571 Telephone: 228-452-0135

5287 Highway 604 Pearlington, MS 39572 Telephone: 228-533-7140

216 Coleman Avenue Waveland, MS 39576 228-463-1388

Postage Services: www.usps.com <a href="http://www.usps.com/">http://www.usps.com/"> Telephone: 800-725-2161.

### **CABLE**

Cable One 228-374-5900

Cable One of 228-Diamondhead 864-1506

> Mediacom 800-239-2411

#### ELECTRICITY

Coast Electric Power Association

> Bay-Waveland 228-467-6535

Pass Christian 228-832-1761

**Power Outages** 800-624-3348

Mississippi Power Company 800-532-1502

> **Power Outages** 800-497-3275

#### GAS

Bay St Louis, City of 228-467-9094

Blossman Gas Inc 228-467-6441

Reliant Energy Entex Inc 228-896-7500

> Waveland, City of 228-467-9248

#### TELEPHONE

See Page 7 of the Eatel Sunshine Pages Telephone Directory.

#### WATER & SEWAGE

Bay St Louis, City of 228-467-9094

Diamondhead Water & Sewer District 228-255-5813 OR 228-255-0441

Hancock County Water & Sewer 228-467-6208

Jourdan River Shores Utilities Inc. 228-255-5862

Pass Christian, City of 228-452-3312

Pass Christian Isles Water Co. 228-638-3977

Waveland, City of 228-467-9248 After Hours/Holidays 228-467-3669

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT Hancock County

Hancock County Health Department

3062 Longfellow Drive Bay St Louis 39520

228-467-5236

**Employment Office** Hancock County Mississippi Employment Security Commission

**Employment Service** Office

3060 Longfellow Drive Bay St Louis 39520

228-467-9572

Hancock County Civic Center Local Events Center

Longfellow Drive Bay St Louis 39520

228-466-6232

#### CIVIC CULTURE &

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Hancock County Multi-Purpose Facility Barrel Racing \* Horse Shows \* Rodeos \* Riding Club Shows Dog Shows \* Music Festivals County Fair

Kiln-Delisle Road two miles east of Highway 603 in Kiln, MS 228-255-0807 or 228-216-4644

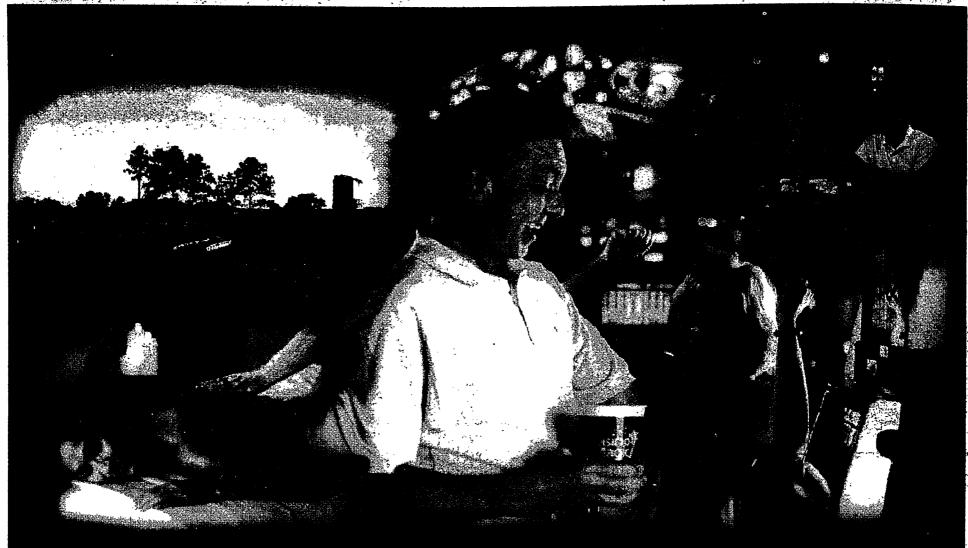
Bay St. Louis Little Theatre 301 Boardman Avenue Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 228-467-2587 www.bsllt.com <a href="http://www.bsllt.com/">

Hancock County Animal Shelter (Adopt-A-Pet) Waveland Animal Shelter

> 322 Gulfside Street Waveland 39576 228-467-0230

#### CITY/COUNTY COMMUNITY **EDUCATION IN** HANCOCK COUNTY

Community Education courses are conducted during Fall (September) and Winter (February) for adults (18 years of age or older). Classes are held weekly at both Hancock High and Bay High in the evening for six weeks. Each Fall and Winter Session approximatelv 40 courses are offered in the following categories: computer training, exercise, dance, music, finance, languages and special interest. Advanced computer training and entry-level vocationaltechnical employability skills are also taught in 10week courses. Community Education brochures containing course descriptions, tuition fees, and registration information are mailed semiannually. Copies of the brochures are located at all branches of the public library. Persons interested in teaching or need information may call Dr. Gaynell Roberts, Executive Director, at (228) 467-3892 or visit the Community Education Office at 307 Coleman Ave, Suite E, Waveland, MS.



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